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I began to realize that my time in prison didn't have to be a waste." — The Rev. James Tramel



REV. JAMES TRAMEL dresses for Mass on Aug. 10 at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Albany. Tramel was ordained while in prison.

Ex-con now leads flock

Convicted of murder, Tramel went to prison at 17, where he served 21 years behind bars to find redemption.

By Martin Snapp
STAFF WRITER

When members of St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Albany met to choose a new pastor, a few members of James Tramel's flock were present.

And with good reason. It's not

every day a church selects a convicted murderer to be its leader. "But as soon as you meet him, those fears just fall away," said Becky Osborn-Coolidge, a member of the search committee. "Besides, if you're a Christian, you have to believe in redemption."

Tramel's story of redemption took him from San Quentin, where at age 17 he was the prison's youngest inmate, to 16 years at Solano State Prison in Vacaville, where he was ordained a deacon and priest in the Episcopal Church, to his selection this summer as the

interim pastor at St. Alban's.

While in Vacaville, Tramel founded St. Dismas Episcopal Chapel, named after one of the two thieves who, according to Christian tradition, were crucified with Jesus. The story of Dismas is one he loved to tell inmates.

The other thief, Gestas, taunted Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

But Dismas turned to Jesus and said, "Lord, remember me when you come into your kingly power." Jesus replied, "Truly I

say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

"He's the only person that the church is absolutely certain is a saint because Jesus said so," Tramel said. "Guys in prison feel excluded, but this story allows them to see that Christ is saying, 'No, no! You, too, are part of this communion.'"

In 1985, Tramel was attending an exclusive prep school in Santa Barbara when he and a classmate accosted a young man

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Kensington residents gain voice on Web

■ Kitchen Democracy expands from Berkeley beginnings by allowing residents to offer thoughts on police audit issue

By Justin Hill
STAFF WRITER

After hearing about an Internet forum from a friend, Kensington resident Mary Lynn Sasso decided to speak out — online.

Going onto a Web site called Kitchen Democracy, Sasso weighed in on the site's Kensington topic: Should the police department be audited by someone other than the interim chief?

The answer was yes, she wrote, "because the audit needs to be done by someone uninvolved and unbiased. I don't think the officers would open up to their superiors. And that would put a restraint on their candidness."

"It seemed like a great idea to be able to have your voice heard," Sasso told the Journal.

Sasso is among 19 people who have posted their thoughts

on the subject since Kitchen Democracy launched its Kensington page on June 30. All but one agreed that someone other than the interim chief should audit the department.

Regardless of the tally's breakdown, Robert Vogel, co-founder of the site, said the online turnout on the Kensington page "is not bad considering it's our first issue in Kensington."

Residents have until 10 p.m. Sept. 30 to vote and post comments on the issue.

The Web site, www.kitchen-democracy.org, came online in March to give Berkeley residents a chance to express opinions and preferences on issues the City Council and other city boards and commissions are considering.

The Web site allows residents to vote on an issue and post comments. It also offers summaries of issues, including a list of pros and cons as well as advice from chosen experts.

Vogel is interested in including other communities on the Web site, and residents in San

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SIMONA CARINI and Robert Vogel check the usage numbers on their Web site, kitchendemocracy.org, at their home office in Berkeley in May. The site launched a Kensington page June 30.



JOANNA HARRIS has been the Alameda County Sheriff's Office commander of communitywide services for six months.

'Perfect match' for Sheriff's commander

Harris will become the first black female to hold the post in Sheriff's Office.

By Chris Treadway
STAFF WRITER

Something as small as a classmate can transform a person's life.

Joanna Harris was a single mother with a part-time job with the Alameda County Sheriff's Office when she was recruited for the Alameda County Sheriff's Office. "It was just kind of fell into it," said Harris, a Richmond native who

now lives in San Ramon.

That was 26 years ago. Today, at a ceremony in Dublin, Harris will become the first black female commander of the Sheriff's Office.

She has been acting commander of communitywide services for six months, but the ceremony will make it official. As one of five commanders in a department of 1,600, she will oversee such wide-ranging areas as the Office of Emergency Services, department field offices, homeland security, the county

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Berkeley City College has a home at last

■ After three decades of conflict with Peralta board, new campus opens

By Martin Snapp
STAFF WRITER

The mood was positively giddy Tuesday morning as Berkeley City College President Judy Walters cut the ribbon to open the school's new six-story, \$70 million campus in downtown Berkeley. "Can you believe it?" Walters exclaimed as she embraced a grinning Mayor Tom Bates.

Bates' presence was more than *ex officio*. As a young assemblyman during the 1970s, he was a key player in the often bitter 32-year fight to force the Peralta Community College District to give Berkeley a campus of its own — a campaign that entailed lawsuits, picket lines and outright secession.

The loudest cheers of the day were for former president Barbara Beno, who paid the ultimate price for supporting the campaign: She was fired by the Peralta trustees in 2000, after 12 years on the job.

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AFTER 32 YEARS of leasing buildings, Berkeley City College celebrates a building of its own Tuesday. Attendees of the ribbon-cutting ceremony tour the new building.

Research firm to poll residents' views on taxes

■ City wants to know voters' preferences on parcel or sales tax, funding priorities

By Justin Hill
STAFF WRITER

El Cerrito resident Margie Myers says she doesn't like taxes. But she might vote for new

taxes if it meant a new senior center or library — both of which Myers said would be very beneficial. "I have grandchildren, so I think the library would be beneficial for them," Myers said.

This is the kind of feedback the city is seeking.

On Monday night, the City Council authorized the city man-

ager to hire a market and public opinion research agency to conduct a resident survey for a potential tax initiative as well as an analysis of actual and projected voter turnout for 2006 and 2007.

The city is trying to ascertain residents' preferences between a parcel or sales tax, their funding priorities and the amount they

would be willing to pay for each of the projects, city manager Scott Hanin wrote in an e-mail to The Journal.

The voter turnout analysis will help council members determine the best timing for an initiative. It is too early to predict when an

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NEWS BRIEFS

Albany

Arts committee sets screening, meeting

The Albany Arts Committee is expected to officially launch its public art selection process for Albany parks with a showing of the documentary "Maya Lin: A Strong Clear Vision" at 7 p.m. on Monday at the Community Center Hall, 1249 Marin Ave.

The documentary is about sculptor and architect Maya Lin, who designed the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., the story behind the memorial and a decade of Lin's work.

The screening will be followed by an introduction to Albany's upcoming park art selection process and a question-and-answer session with the members of the art selection panels as well as the Arts Committee.

The Albany Arts Committee is commissioning public art in Ocean View Park, Terrace Park and Memorial Park as part of a larger city-wide parks renovation project.

Selection panels of arts professionals, residents, Arts Committee members and the city's park renovation project manager will choose the artists and artworks.

— Justin Hill

El Cerrito

Noted chemistry professor dies

Chester T. O'Konski, a UC Berkeley professor emeritus of chemistry who was one of the first chemists to study nucleic acids and proteins using physical chemistry methods, died at his home in El Cerrito on Aug. 2. He was 85.

In his 43 years on the faculty of the Department of Chemistry, O'Konski employed many methods to study the properties of large molecules.

"He was among the first physical and polymer chemists to apply high electric fields to solutions of biological materials (in order to study) the asymmetric properties resulting from the field," said John Hearst, professor emeritus of chemistry at UC Berkeley in a written statement.

The technique allowed examination of molecules as they existed in their natural state in solution, and it yielded new information about the size, structure, and optical and physical properties of molecules, according to a press release from the university.

— Craig Lazzaretto

Candidates forum on Aug. 29

The public is invited to the final El Cerrito Democratic Club candidates forum for the November election, taking place at 7 p.m. on Aug. 29 in the sanctuary of Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave. across the street from El Cerrito High School.

Candidates for El Cerrito City Council, Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District Board, Kensington Fire Protection District Board, East Bay Municipal Utility District Ward 4, and East Bay Regional Park District Ward 1 have been invited. They will give opening and closing statements and answer written audience questions.

Candidates who are registered Democrats can seek endorsement, and ECDC members in good standing can vote to endorse candidates.

For more details contact Al Miller at amil2323@comcast.net or 510-526-4874.

— Chris Treadway

Electronic recycling event scheduled

An electronic waste recycling event will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9, and Sunday, Sept. 10, at the Department of Motor Vehicles, 6400 Manila Ave., in El Cerrito.

No appointment is needed, and the event is free to anyone, even those living outside the city.

Acceptable electronic waste includes computer components, televisions, VCRs and DVD players, fax machines, telephones, cell phones and mp3 players.

Appliances, batteries, microwaves, paints and pesticides will not be accepted. Those items can be taken to the Hazardous Waste Facility at 101 Pittsburg Ave. in Richmond. Call 888-412-9277 for information about the hazardous waste facility. Call 888-832-9839 for information about the electronics recycling event.

— Alan Lopez

Opening planned for Cerrito Theater

The Cerrito Theater is expected to hold a grand opening the weekend of Sept. 30 or Oct. 7, after its renovation is completed on Sept. 7, redevelopment manager Lori Trevino said.

When it opens, the two-screen movie theater and cafe on San Pablo Avenue south of Central will be run by the owners of the successful Parkway Theater near Lake Merritt in Oakland.

The Parkway offers full meals and beer and wine, as well as cult movie nights, fund-raising events and the "baby brigade," screenings for parents and their little ones.

— Alan Lopez

CORRECTIONS

A story last week about candidates for the Albany City Council election contained an error. The two candidates endorsed by Citizens for the Albany Shoreline are not a retired economist who is open-minded about development at Golden Gate Fields, and a real estate agent who wants a balance of open space and development.

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Stories that appeared July 21 and Aug. 18 about litigation against Pacific Steel Casting Co. contained an error. The West Berkeley Alliance is not part of the suit filed by Communities for a Better Environment.

Park activities range from music to kay

THE NEXT SEVERAL days are chock full of exciting options to enjoy the waning days of summer and your East Bay regional parks. The Heritage Days Music Festival — a free special event at Coyote Hills in Fremont — is Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. The festival combines exciting entertainment along with opportunities to participate in fun, educational activities, and highlights the rich cultural mix of the East Bay.

The main-stage entertainment, emceed by KFRC radio station personalities, begins at noon with The Mossy Creek Band playing toe-tapping bluegrass. At 1 p.m., Kaweh brings Brazilian music with Flamenco and Middle Eastern influences to the stage. Layce Baker and the Black Diamond Band play at 2 p.m., with classic rock and roll and some blues tunes. Finishing up at 3 p.m., Rafael Manriquez and Grupo Amaranto provide a mix of Andean and Peruvian music along with the sunny sounds of the Caribbean and Mexico.

You can try your hand at making piñatas, folding origami, or creating a tulle bittern — a traditional Native American art. You'll also have opportunities to meet a snake and tour the beautiful butterfly garden, perhaps getting ideas for attracting butterflies to your own garden with nectar plants. Coyote Hills is at 8000 Patterson Ranch Road, Fremont. Note that there is a \$5 per-vehicle parking fee.

SHAROL NELSON-EMBRY

Park It

For more information, call 510-795-9385.

If you're looking for outdoor fun on Sunday, Ardenwood Historic Farm is just across the road from Coyote Hills in Fremont. Ardenwood, a recreation of East Bay farm life in the late 1800s, is hosting a variety of activities throughout the day for all ages. From 1-3 p.m. delight in "Lovely Ladies Croquet" where elegant volunteers demonstrate this very Victorian game. You can also crank ice cream between 1 and 2 p.m., and then consume the results.

Learn about the medicinal properties of plants in the garden from 1:30-2:30 p.m., then prepare the bounty of the harvest for home. From 3:30-4:30 p.m., observe our closest star, the sun, with a host of sun-safe observation tools.

Ardenwood is at 34600 Ardenwood Blvd., Fremont. There is a park entry fee of \$5 per adult, \$4 per senior, \$3.50 per child (ages 4-17), and kids under 4 years are free. There is no parking fee. For more information, contact the park at 510-796-0663.

You have several chances to explore one of our regional park islands in the Bay before the summer is over. Historically used by Ohlone Indians who paddled from the Bay shoreline to the island in tule boats,

Brooks Island has a fascinating history, and offers unique views of the surrounding mainland. Two kayak trips to Brooks Island, guided by outfitters and regional park naturalists, are planned: Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The trips depart from the Richmond Marina, and include paddling instruction, all paddling equipment, and a naturalist-guided, two-mile hike around the island. You provide your warm clothing, lunch, water and snacks.

Whichever trip you choose, the fee is \$85 for the day (\$95 for residents outside of Alameda/Contra Costa Counties); participants must be at least 14 years old. Register at 510-636-1684 or at www.ebparks.org.

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Late summer is a great time to learn more about local bird life with expert naturalists in the parks. On Tuesday, Aug. 29, early birders can meet naturalist Bethany Facendini from 7-9:30 a.m. at Miller-Knox Regional Shoreline in Richmond. You'll scan the Bay shoreline for birds returning on their fall migration as well as look for summer birds and resident species. This is a guided bird-watching experience for all levels from beginning to experienced birders.

Bring your binoculars or call ahead to borrow a pair. Wear sunscreen and bring water and a snack. For information, call

the Tilden Nature Center at 525-2233. Registration is required to participate in the program.

In the eastern part of Contra Costa County, a bird program, guided by Mike Moran, will be held Thursday, Aug. 31, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Round Valley Preserve south of

Round Valley. Bird watching is a hobby of many species. You can have views of songbirds, warblers, and maybe even a hawk. Dogs are not allowed. Round Valley is a seasonal home to the endangered San Joaquin kit fox. The program is free, but registration is required; please call 1684 to reserve your spot.

I'm pleased to see "Park It" for Ned Miller while he is away. I look forward to updating you about activities, species, and the natural and history of our East Bay Regional Parks in the months. Until next time, hope you find time to open doors and enjoy your regional parks!

Sharol Nelson-Embry, supervising naturalist, is a regular contributor to the "Park It" column. Contact her at bobsharol@alameda.net

ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

TUESDAY, AUG. 15

■ **HOME INTRUSION** — At about 4 p.m., someone described as an Hispanic man, about 30 years old, 5-foot-9, weighing 180 pounds entered a residence on the 900 block of Neilson Street, scaring the occupant, who was talking to her husband on the phone. When she screamed and the call was disconnected the husband called the Albany police. When officers arrived the man was gone. The woman said that the man made the excuse that he was in the wrong house and left. Officers are investigating.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 16

■ **TOYOTA STOLEN** — During the night someone stole a red 2004 Toyota Corolla out of a garage at 555 Pierce St. There were no witnesses.

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANT** — Officers arrested a 25-year-old Berkeley woman on Cleveland Avenue near Interstate 80 for an outstanding warrant for possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia.

THURSDAY, AUG. 17

■ **DRUG POSSESSION** — At about 12:30 a.m. officers stopped a white 1993 Ford Taurus near Gilman Street and Sixth Street for a vehicle code violation. They arrested the driver, a 22-year-old Hercules man, on suspicion of drug possession.

■ **TOYOTA STOLEN** — During the early morning hours someone stole a black 2006 Toyota Camry parked on the 1100 block of Brighton Avenue.

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANT** — At about 8:30 a.m. officers arrested a 29-year-old Albany man on the 700 block of Pomona Avenue for an outstanding Contra Costa County warrant for DUI.

■ **NO BAIL WARRANT** — Officers arrested an 18-year-old Albany man on the 600 block of Key Route Boulevard for an outstanding no bail warrant.

rant.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night, someone broke into a white 1997 Honda Civic on the 800 block of Ramona Avenue and stole items from inside.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night, someone broke into a black 1999 Honda Civic on the 1000 block of Santa Fe Avenue and stole items from inside.

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — At about 11:30 p.m., officers responded to the 1000 block of Kains Avenue on reports of someone sleeping in an entranceway. They arrested the 34-year-old Oakland man on suspicion being intoxicated and unable to care for himself.

FRIDAY, AUG. 18

■ **DUI** — At about 1:30 a.m., officers stopped a gray 2000 Ford Mustang near Neilson Street and Gilman Street for a vehicle code violation. They arrested the driver, a 26-year-old Berkeley man, for suspicion of DUI.

■ **TOYOTA STOLEN** — During the night, someone stole a blue 1986 Toyota 4-Runner parked on the 1100 block of Dartmouth Street. There were no witnesses.

■ **NO LICENSE** — Officers stopped a silver 1985 Toyota Camry near Oceanview School on the 1000 block of Jackson Street for a vehicle code violation. They arrested the driver, a 19-year-old Richmond woman, on suspicion of driving without a license.

■ **VANDALISM** — Someone keyed a gold Honda Accord parked at Golden Gate Fields on the 1100 block of Eastshore during the day.

■ **DUI** — At about 11 p.m., officers arrested a 51-year-old Richmond man on driving a 1995 Jeep on the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue on suspicion of DUI.

SATURDAY, AUG. 19

■ **MULTIPLE BREAK-INS** — During

the night, several cars were broken into: a green 1997 Honda parked on the 1200 block of Dartmouth Street, a gray 1993 Nissan 4-Door parked on the 1000 block of Key Route Boulevard, a black Honda parked on the 1200 block of Santa Fe Avenue, a red 1990 Acura parked on the 900 block of Evelyn Avenue, a blue 1997 Honda parked on the 1100 block of Key Route Boulevard and a red 1999 Honda Civic parked on the 900 block of Key Route Boulevard.

■ **DRUG POSSESSION** — At about 4 a.m., officers arrested a 44-year-old Berkeley man riding a bicycle on the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue on suspicion of drug possession.

■ **ROBBERY** — An Albany man reported that at about 3:45 p.m., some juveniles were the victims of an attempted strong-arm robbery while walking on Masonic Avenue near the El Cerrito Plaza. They suspects were described as three black male juveniles, about 13 to 16 years old. One was wearing a red shirt and the other two were wearing black T-shirts. They were last seen walking north on Masonic toward El Cerrito Plaza and were gone when officers arrived.

■ **ASSAULT** — At about 11:30 p.m.,

officers responded to a man who claimed that he was also holding his head had just tried to stab him. The 26-year-old woman.

MONDAY

■ **DUI** — At about 12:15 a.m., officers stopped a white 2000 Dodge Buchanan Street and issued a vehicle code violation to the driver, a 37-year-old man, on suspicion of DUI.

■ **BIKES STOLEN** — An Albany woman reported that she was taking three or four bikes from her garage on the 700 block of Pablo Avenue. The suspects were described as a white male, about 30 years old, wearing a white shirt and gray pants. He was driving away in a red truck east on Portland Avenue.

WEEKLY SUMMARY

Officers responded to 21 calls and stopped 130 vehicles. There are 36 citations issued. Firefighters responded to one fire call and medical emergencies.

Art association to start fall season

The El Cerrito Art Association holds its first meeting of the fall season at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 11. Members, guests and interested area artists are invited to come and share artwork, either in progress or finished, which they have been working on this summer. Comments will be available from fellow art workers. The meeting is held in the Garden Room of El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane.

For details call art association

president Michaela at 510-526-9564.

The association is holding an exhibition of Berkeley artist Nylar the community center in September. Jeung, a Chinese brush painting, is in his eastern and western art work.

The community center from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. day through Friday.

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Neighbors

San Pablo woman a cut above most sawyers

THE CAME, she sawed, she conquered. Actually, that's not quite true. She came in second. But Caroline McCaskey of San Pablo was happy to be the runner-up at the 27th annual International Musical Saw Competition — aka "The Saw-Off" — on Aug. 13 at Roaring Camp in the Santa Cruz mountains.

After all, that still makes her the second best sawyer — that's what they call themselves — in the world. And, at 19, she is younger than her competition, most of whom are in their seventies and eighties and have been playing for longer than she's been alive.

A few of the favorites could make it. The great Japanese sawyer Hajime Sakita, who won the 2004, canceled this year because he was having a CD release party. And the Chinese sawyers scratched because they had to attend a musical saw competition at home.

Other international competitors were deterred by the post-9/11 security restrictions.

"You wouldn't believe what a hassle it is trying to get a saw on an airplane these days," said Caroline.

It was still a powerhouse event, including the formidable Mrs. Grisham from India. The precompetition festivities began in nearby Santa Cruz with the traditional "Saw-In" at the statue of Tom Scribner, the life-sized statue of a pioneer anywhere in the world according to the International Musical Saw Association.

"He was an organizer for the Olympics and a very cool saw guy," said Caroline.

Then they held a huge picnic and jam session on the wee small hours of the morning.

At the competition the next day, each contestant had to perform a compulsory tune — in this case, "Auld Lang Syne" — and then play whatever they pleased.

Caroline went next to last. She breezed through the competition, then she stopped the tune with "Danny Boy" segue into the lively "Irish Washerwoman" jig.

The crowd went nuts. "People holding babies were around with their babies," she said. "It was so cool!"

But then the last competitor, Clark of Salt Lake City, came out and played "The Phantom of the Opera" decked out in Phantom drag — no mask, tails, the works. "It was all so creepy and hilarious," said Caroline. "It was awesome."

The judges awarded Clark prize money, largely on the basis of his stink.

What Caroline minded. The competition is just an excuse to get together," she said.

There are so few sawyers in the world, it's hard to find anyone to play with. The real



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots



MCCASKEY FAMILY

CAROLINE MCCASKEY of San Pablo was the runner-up at the 27th annual International Musical Saw Competition.

fun happens beforehand and afterwards, at the jam sessions." In case you're curious, there are three main differences between musical saws and the regular kind.

A regular saw's handle extends a few inches along the top of the blade to keep it from flexing too much. But flexibility is exactly what you want when you're playing the thing, so musical saws keep the handle as small as possible.

A musical saw is also a little wider at the base and a little narrower at the tip than the regular kind, to allow you to play a wider range of notes. Finally, a musical saw's teeth are flat, not "set" — slightly bent out at angles to chew through wood better.

That being said, you can play either kind. Caroline has two saws — a Charlie Blacklock Special musical saw, named after the legendary sawyer namesake and Alameda resident, and a regular Stanley Sharptooth, which she bought at Home Depot.

"The regular saw has a higher range because of the shape of the handle," she said. By the way, this is not Caroline's first claim to fame. Last spring she and her saws were featured on the TV show "I've Got A Secret" — along with strongman Steve McGranahan, whose specialty is bending iron nails in half. Cathie Jung, who is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records for having the world's smallest waist (15 inches, and she's had three kids!), and Don Featherstone, who invented the pink flamingo lawn ornament.

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2768 or e-mail msnapp@cc-times.com.

FACES & PLACES

Tapp awarded \$500 dance scholarship

Georgia Tapp of Kensington, an accomplished dancer, has been awarded a \$500 "Follow Your Dream" scholarship by the Diablo Light Opera Company in memory of the organization's artistic director, Rhoda Klitsner.

Tapp will use the scholarship money to help fund her education at The Boston Conservatory, where she will enroll in the fall to study musical theater.

She appeared in Diablo Light Opera Company's production of "Miss Saigon" last year. A student of dance for 11 years, Tapp has studied tap, jazz, hip-hop, ballet and acrobatics.

Tapp, 18, is one of four young performers whose talents were recognized with scholarships.

As a director, choreographer and artistic director, Klitsner was regarded as the guiding light of DLOC from 1960 until her death on April 19, 2003. Early in her career, she danced on Broadway under the celebrated choreographer Agnes DeMille, who encouraged young talent to "follow your dream."

Tax-deductible contributions may be sent to the "Rhoda Klitsner Follow Your Dream Fund," DLOC, P.O. Box 5034 Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

— Craig Lazzeretti

EHCS REUNION: El Cerrito High School's class of 1981 is looking for fellow classmates as planning is under way for the 25-year reunion on Oct. 13. Contact Denise Hamma at 916-985-0689 or by e-mail at dkh10463@yahoo.com.

— Chris Treadway

AUDITIONS AT CIVIC CENTER: Contra Costa Civic Theatre in El Cerrito will hold auditions for



SHERRY LAVARS/STAFF

SHOPPERS STOP to sample tomatoes during the Berkeley Farmers Market annual tomato tasting in on Aug. 22. Anyone browsing the the Farmers Market was welcome to try more than 35 varieties available including the Great White, Black Prince and Shady Lady.

"And Then There Were None," by Agatha Christie and directed by Kate Culbertson, on Sunday, Sept. 10 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and on Monday, Sept. 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. Callbacks will be Tuesday, Sept. 12, from 7-10 p.m.

There are openings for eight males, ages 20-80, and three females, 20-70. Bring a headshot and resume, prepare a two-minute monologue in a British accent, and be prepared to read from the script. There's no pay.

CCCT is located at 951 Pomona Ave. (at Moerser). For further information, call 510-524-9132 or e-mail info@ccct.org.

— Craig Lazzeretti

ART ASSOCIATION MEETING: The El Cerrito Art Association invites area artists to its first fall meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 11, at the community center, Moerser Lane at Ashbury Ave. in the Garden Room.

Members and guests will share artwork, either finished or in progress, done over the past

two to three months. Constructive comments will be offered from fellow artists.

An exhibition of paintings by Berkeley artist Nylan Jeung is featured at the community center now through September. Originally trained in the art of Chinese brush painting, Jeung combines Eastern- and Western-style painting in her artwork.

— Craig Lazzeretti

CHURCH BAZAAR PLANNED: Sacamore Congregational Church in El Cerrito will hold its 40th annual Japanese Church Bazaar from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 17. The bazaar will include Japanese food to take home or eat there, Taiko drumming, handicrafts, plants, a silent auction, door prizes and games for young children. The church is at 1111 Navellier St.

— Craig Lazzeretti

CITIZEN OF YEAR DINNER: The Albany Chamber of Commerce has named former mayor and City Council member Ruth

Ganong its 2006 Citizen of the Year. Ganong has also served on the Albany Planning and Zoning Commission; Albany Traffic and Safety Commission; Albany Waterfront Committee; Albany/Berkeley YMCA Board; Albany Social and Economic Justice Commission; Berkeley, Albany and Emeryville League of Women Voters; and most recently, the Albany Historical Society.

Ganong and Youth of the Year Taylor Mosley will be honored at an awards dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at The Naree Thai Restaurant, 977 San Pablo Ave. The cost is \$25, and reservations can be made through the Chamber office at 510-525-1771 or at www.albanychamber.org.

— Craig Lazzeretti

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Stave off Alzheimer's by keeping mind sharp

Q I heard something on the news the other day about Alzheimer's prevention, but I didn't catch what the latest discovery was. I'm deathly afraid of getting Alzheimer's. What's the latest word on what we can do to prevent it?

A: I personally have not heard of anything new or different that will help to prevent Alzheimer's disease. My advice remains the same and involves vigorous mental activity, as much as you can possibly bring yourself to do. So much depends upon keeping your brain in top condition, and to do that you must use it as much as possible.

What kinds of mental activities are the most important for brain-conditioning? Actually, it is dependent upon each individual and the things that he or she likes to do best. If you attack the kinds of mental stimulation that most interests you, you are more likely to spend extended time working on them.

If you have no current activities, the easiest way to begin your efforts is the daily newspapers, most of which have a number of types of puzzles. There are usually Jumbles, crosswords and a type of crypt-



CONNIE LYNCH
Don't Lose Your Mind

togram. If you have never tried any of them, give them a try and see which of them you like best.

For me, breakfast and the Jumble go together. Some people can't seem to get interested in any of the puzzles, or find them too difficult. If this should be the case for you, visit your local bookstore to see other possibilities. You may want to try an easier version of the ones that you found in the newspapers, or move on to some new puzzles that are now appearing in bookstores such as Sudoku or Kakuro. I personally find those two annoying, mainly because I prefer to do puzzles using my favorite pen, and those usually require erasures, but I am giving them a try.

If puzzles are not for you, try some other mental chal-

lenge. Work on your mental fitness at the basic level by trying to improve your awareness. Awareness is the most important component of mental fitness, and working at it cannot help but bring about improvement.

Observe your surroundings. Use all five senses to examine common objects around you. If you decide to snack, take careful note of the food itself. Consider, for example, a pretzel stick. What does it look like? What are the color, shape, length and width? Does it make a noise? If you drop it on the table or snap it in two, yes. Otherwise, no.

What does it feel like? Probably smooth with salt pieces on it, and ends that are somewhat sharp. Does it have an odor?

That will depend on the individual who is conducting this investigation and also upon the pretzel stick. Some of them seem to have a slight odor; others do not.

In any case, you now have an idea of how to carry on such an investigation, but don't forget to include some physical exercise in your program. They are both so important.

E-mail inquiries for Kensington resident Connie Lynch to conliemw@aol.com. Lynch, Ph.D., is the founder of Mind Works, a mental fitness program designed for older adults, and is the author of "Don't Lose Your Mind, Four Components of Superior Mental Fitness." For information on books and classes, call 510-466-5833.

OF THE WEEK

BERKELEY — The following animals may be available for adoption at the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society.

Dogs: 2-year-old female Nova duck tolling retriever/yellow lab mix; 1-year-old female Nova and white American pit bull mix; 7-year-old male Nova brindle great dane/greyhound mix; 2-year-old female Nova shepherd mix; 2-year-old black and white female border collie mix; 1-year-old female Nova mix; 11-year-old Golden Retriever; 2-year-old female Nova mix; 3-year-old female Nova mix; 3-year-old Lhasa Apso mix; 5-year-old female Nova mix.

Cats: 7-year-old male white domestic short hair; 5-year-old female white domestic medium hair; 3-year-old female brown domestic long hair (DLH); 4-year-old male black DLH; 4-year-old female black DSH; 5-year-old male black DLH; 5-year-old male black/white DSH; 5-year-old male brown tabby European; 5-year-old female tortie; 4-year-old male tortie; 1-year-old gray female; 1-year-old black female; lots of kittens.

Adoption fee: dogs \$125; cats \$75, including spaying, neu-



BERKELEY-EAST BAY HUMANE SOCIETY

OREO is a 2-year-old border collie/greyhound mix, and may be available for adoption from the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society. Her training is advancing so well that she recently won a blue ribbon at the annual "Bay to Barkers" Dog Walk and Festival. Oreo loves to play with other dogs but prefers a "cat-free" home. For more information about Oreo or other animals available for adoption, call or visit the Humane Society.

tering and age-appropriate shots. There is an overnight hold period. The Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society is located at 2700 Ninth St., Berkeley. Its hours are 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Information: www.berkeleyhumane.org or call 510-845-7735.



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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIALS

Efficient bridge plan

WE'VE BEEN GIVEN plenty of warning. The Bay Bridge eastbound, coming into Berkeley, Albany, El Cerrito and points east (Orinda, Walnut Creek, Concord, etc.), will be closed over Labor Day weekend. That's Sept. 2, 3 and 4. From 11:59 p.m. Friday Sept. 1 until 5 a.m. Sept. 4, the lower deck of the bridge will be unavailable to vehicles. How incredibly inconvenient. But also how incredibly efficient.

By closing for these three days, other weekend closures will be avoided, which would have been more time-consuming, and considering the Bay Area calendar, more disruptive.

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Other weekends in September and October are loaded with major events. Labor Day weekend traffic across the bridge tends to be lower than a typical weekend, and with commuter traffic missing on the holiday, it's the best Monday to close the bridge.

For those who must go into and return from the city, San Francisco is not unreachable; it will just require more planning on the part of the traveler.

Other bridges are available to get drivers to the peninsula, but expect heavier traffic. Also, let's not forget our blessing of public transportation.

BART and the ferry lines from Oakland and Vallejo will be running expanded schedules, including overnight service to some stations via BART. AC Transit and Muni have modified their schedules.

Not always the best planners, Caltrans along with other Bay Area transit agencies have taken many factors into account to come to this decision and keep things running as smoothly as possible.

Finally, they are concerned about costs, schedules and impact on the community. Now it requires a little forethought and planning on our part.

A new school year

Another school year is already upon us as local students will be returning to the classroom in the next few weeks. The beginning of the school year offers a reminder of the opportunities our education system provides to our future leaders, and of the challenges and obstacles that stand in their way.

Our community is blessed with many quality schools that are served by hardworking, committed educators. They will work hard again this year to provide our children with the tools and guidance they need to successfully navigate adolescence and become productive members of society.

At the same time, it's important to remember that teachers and principals can only do so much, and that entire communities must play a part in creating an environment that nurtures the emotional, intellectual and physical growth of our children.

Even at top-performing schools, students are not immune to the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse. The pressure to excel can take a heavy mental toll on students. And the stabbing death of El Cerrito High School student Juan Ramos at an unsupervised Berkeley hills party earlier this year illustrates how easily young people can find themselves in dangerous situations.

So let's give our children the support, encouragement and guidance they need as they prepare to embark on a new school year that is sure to be filled with much promise and some peril.

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MANY SCHOOLS ARE STARTING EARLY THIS YEAR

This sure seemed like a short summer.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Opt in for uniforms

When my 9-year-old daughter wears her uniform to Madera Elementary for the first time on Monday, she'll be doing it for a couple of reasons.

She knows her friends Alina and Regina have always worn uniforms to their public school in Pasadena and they don't mind their uniforms. Also, their mom is always saying how easy it is to get ready for school, shop for school, do laundry, etc.

We've had talks at home about schools. Now she understands her school doesn't exist all by itself, it's part of a larger group of schools, taken care of by the school board.

The board has the difficult job of taking care of lots of schools, all very different from one another, including some schools that have lots of problems compared to her school.

The school board has decided uniforms will help students in all schools; that they will be more successful because they are a way to help kids concentrate on books instead of looks.

My daughter understands we're a part of a team, the West County team. Our family will opt in for uniforms because that's one way we can support the whole team, so every student has the best chance at being successful.

I urge all West County parents to join us and "opt in" for uniforms!

Joanna Pace
El Cerrito

Some real facts

While I respect the idea that people of good will may disagree with those who favor thoughtful redevelopment of the waterfront, I deplore the recent misstatements of facts.

The proposed developer has never attempted, as some have stated, to make us believe we cannot survive without his "mega-mall and big money." I challenge anyone to find such a quote from the developer.

Incidentally, the term "mega-mall" is highly inaccurate. Discussions ranged in the vicinity of 400,000 square feet of retail — roughly the same size as the Sierra Club proposal and perhaps one-tenth of an actual "mega-mall."

Expanded gambling never has been part of current discussions regarding development. The best way to get expanded gambling is to close all other options.

Councilwoman Jewel Okawachi's motion was not to have the city guarantee an outcome in Rick Caruso's favor. It simply stated that once an application was submitted, a full EIR would be completed (including the study of alternative plans) prior to a Measure C vote. That seems pretty reasonable.

Redevelopment of the Golden Gate Fields parking lot would not cut the East-shore Park down the middle any more than the waterfront development in Berkeley does. That is empty rhetoric and ignores the huge enlargement of open space the redevelopment plans would make possible — including the completion of the Bay Trail through Albany.

I'm perfectly willing to debate the planning issues, on a factual level, as we contemplate the future of our waterfront. I'm not so thrilled to be confronted by a cam-

paign of misinformation.

Some want Golden Gate Fields to just go away and be replaced by a park, regardless of the financial realities. That's fine; the proponents of this position should just say so.

Others (and I am one), feel privately financed redevelopment of the Golden Gate Fields property could provide vastly improved open space, expanded tax base for city services and schools, protection of the shoreline, safeguards to creeks and wetlands, and just maybe a great place to enjoy a relaxing evening of shopping, entertainment or dining in our own community.

Howard McNenny
Albany

McNenny is the chairman of Albany Waterfront Coalition.

A missed chance

The improvements Caruso Affiliates had planned for the Albany waterfront at Golden Gate Fields would have been a terrific asset to the city.

Those improvements would have provided further shopping, entertainment and restaurants, which would have enhanced the area and brought in a beach front, boating, fishing, and many other facets of enjoyment. But now it is all down the drain.

We would have had these improvements right at our doorstep instead of driving miles in bumper-to-bumper traffic on our congested highways.

Albany has no industries to help with taxes. The largest source is Golden Gate Fields, which would have contributed even more taxes; but we let the project get away.

Caruso tried in every way to comply with the residents' requests by holding meetings with them.

The income from taxes would have contributed greatly to improve the city's problems, but now it is too late. Will the City Council ever learn?

Les Pickles
Albany

Uniforms would be a good thing

Parents of children in the West Contra Costa school district, please don't "opt out" of the new uniform requirement.

Some parents resent the district mandated uniforms without extensive prior debate. But this mandate didn't waste tax

money or favor any one school. And forms aren't experimental; this is more than 10 years old.

Maybe some think uniforms are necessary in your school, e.g., Kensington Elementary, where we don't have a problem with gang colors.

There are other ways a uniform appearance may help level the playing field. For example, I think my child's attire perfectly reflects her independent, creative and charming personality. I could hardly blame a teacher for seeing her as an unkempt urchin from a distant, perhaps neglectful, household.

In uniform, she will still radiate independence, creativity and charm, and teacher will see those qualities untroubled by her fashion statements. Assume everyone already knows uniforms can help the "have-nots" cope with "haves," both of which can be found in Kensington.

I have even heard parents plan to opt out because their child simply doesn't want to wear uniforms. If they do, these folks might also opt out of ground rules, homework and ball games so their children could always have their way.

School rules often appear arbitrary and tiresome when viewed out of context. But collectively, enforced consistently and fairly, they create a safe, comfortable environment conducive to learning — precisely the role of uniforms.

So please, unless you have some found philosophical position on the chronicity between fashion and education, simplify everyone's life. Get uniform and let's get on with it.

Sylvia El
Kensington

Fought with honor

While Hezbollah foot soldiers were being decimated in a war they provoked, their paunchy, bewiskered leaders dressed up in ridiculous clerical robes made apocalyptic pronouncements from Damascus and Tehran about Lebanon being an Israeli graveyard.

While many Israeli soldiers died in fighting, they fought with honor. Hezbollah terrorists, using their children and neighbors as human shields, maneuvered the rubble-strewn landscape like rats and fired unguided rockets into crowded urban areas in a deliberate attempt to maim and kill Jewish citizens.

Many expressed surprise at the way with which the denizens of Lebanon are returning to their war-torn, aged enclaves, but the reason is clear: Hezbollah commanded them to do so in order to provide cover for Islamic militants licking their wounds. And in picking up the reconstruction tab for these human shields in place.

It is a big mistake on Israel's part to let the Shia return to the area surrounding the Litani River. The United States must embrace a realpolitik approach to any Muslim population in explicit in terror: Dump them in refugee camps, located where they can't cause trouble only for themselves, but for the lamists, and the United Nations Commissioner for Refugees.

Greg Engle
El Cerrito

forces examination of viewers' expectations

For the past two decades, Barney has created a multiverse using a multiplicity of media, from sculpture to drawing and photography to his careful selection of art history, the human body, and biological development. His work reveals a keen eye for process and the evolution of form.

From SF MOMA brochure, Barney's "Drawing Restraint" — a combination of work that is difficult to categorize or even describe. I had been warned that it is different, and that it is. Initially, I was put



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

rush of vertigo if I accidentally look down past my feet to the floor far below.

One of the exhibits I saw was Matthew Barney's "Drawing Restraint" — a combination of work that is difficult to categorize or even describe. I had been warned that it is different, and that it is. Initially, I was put

off by what I was seeing, because the first room I visited was mainly video screens hanging from the ceiling, playing short videos of the artist in his studio. I kept telling myself it was simply a form of performance art and that I should be more open-minded and willing to accept a new kind of artistic expression.

However, when I moved into the larger rooms, where masses of what looked like ice were mounded, carved, shaped and positioned, I started to understand the attraction of this man's work. The bright lighting, the size of the pieces and something else — the art of it all? — moved and pressed on

me, leaving me with thoughts and feelings I hadn't expected.

So, what does this have to do with libraries and books? Well, it made me think about the experimental children's books I have seen over the years — in particular, David Wiesner's "The Three Little Pigs." When I first saw this book, I was taken aback and not really sure I liked it. The story begins the way most Three Little Pigs stories do: the

little pigs go out to seek their fortune. But after that it becomes a story within a story — or maybe I should say, a story outside of a story. Because when the wolf blows down the first little pig's house, he blows so hard he blows the pig out of the story. As the tale continues, the other pigs leave, too — confusing the wolf, who can't find them anywhere. It is an amazingly inventive book and I recommend taking a look at it.

But the real question for me is whether or not this is a book that children will respond to. Is it just a clever idea or does it

make them think about illustrations and art and stories in a different way? Is it one-time entertainment or is it a book they will return to, again and again? Because if it holds them and challenges them — the way Barney's work held me — then I would consider it art. If not — well, I don't know what it is.

I know the idea of experimental art, whether it is sculpture, music or a children's book, is a huge topic, encompassing years of passionate

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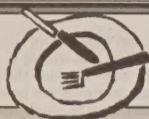
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Pier 29 Waterfront Restaurant

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Good food, friendly service, and comfortable atmosphere describe Pier 29 Waterfront Restaurant. The "Pier" offers an extensive menu featuring fresh seafood, Angus New York steak, prime rib, pasta, teriyaki ribs, daily specials and much more. The theme in the kitchen is "good home-style cooking." Brunch is served on weekends from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the popular early bird menu is featured daily. Every table has a view of the water, and there is plenty of free parking. The Pier is open 7 days a week. New business hours: Sun. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 10 p.m., Fri. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 11 p.m. Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner. Dinner served 3 p.m. - 10 p.m.

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College

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"That was a real blow, but the sorrow has long since dissipated," she said. "It's been replaced by a great satisfaction that something important has been done."

Over the years the school has had several names: Berkeley Learning Pavilion, Peralta College for Non-Traditional Studies, Vista Community College and — since June 1 of this year — Berkeley City College.

Until this week it was a "college without walls," holding classes in more than 200 rented locations, including churches, schools, storefronts, basements, the Oakland Army Base and the West Berkeley YMCA.

The 160,000-square-foot campus, designed by the Ratcliff architectural firm of Emeryville, is a single building located a half-block from the downtown Berkeley BART station and AC Transit lines.

"It's the prototype urban campus of the future," said Brougham. "Those sprawling suburban campuses are a thing of the past."

Located in the middle of downtown, BCC has no lawns or trees. But it has many features it never had in the past, including classrooms, computer labs, auditorium, library, bookstore, stu-

dent union, and faculty and administrative offices.

"We actually have more room than we need this semester, so we can reserve the equivalent of an entire floor for future expansion," said Walters.

The design features state-of-the-art heating, air conditioning and waste disposal technology that has already earned it "Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design" certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

But the crowning glory of the building at 2050 Center St. is the monumental six-story central atrium, topped by a massive elliptical skylight that lets natural light suffuse into every corner. "We don't have a green field, and we're bounded on three sides by other buildings," explained lead architect Crodd Chin. "The atrium not only gives us daylight, it also gives us a quadrangle, which is the social heart of the campus."

The atrium's impressive impact was intentional.

"We wanted to install a sense of pride in the students," said Chin.

Mission accomplished. "This building says to me, 'We're here to stay,'" said student senator Karen Cotton. "But it also says, 'You're important.'"

In counterpoint to the atrium, other elements are scaled to human size, including informal meeting areas scattered throughout the building.

Tramel

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named Michael Stephenson in a local park.

For no reason, the classmate pulled out a knife and stabbed Stephenson 17 times. Tramel did nothing to stop him, nor did he try to help Stephenson as he lay dying. All he did was go back to his dorm and bet a friend \$50 that there was a dead body in the park.

Sixteen hours later, Tramel was arrested. He was tried, convicted and sentenced to 15 years to life.

He was 17, and his life was over — or so he thought. He says he hated himself, and he was sure God hated him, too.

His first stop was San Quentin. He remained there for four years until he was transferred to Vacaville, where he spent the next 16 years.

At San Quentin, he volunteered for The Squires, a "scared straight" program for at-risk teenagers. Since he was barely older than they were, they listened to him more than they would to older convicts.

"I had a real impact on them, and that made a big impact on me," he said. "I began to realize that my time in prison didn't have to be a waste."

Since many inmates were dying from AIDS and other diseases, he volunteered for the prison hospice program. One night in 1993, a guard woke him and said, "You're needed in the hospice."

An inmate named Steve was dying from stomach cancer. Tramel comforted him as best he

BIOGRAPHY

■ **WHO:** The Rev. James Russell Tramel

■ **AGE:** 38

■ **OCCUPATION:** Interim pastor at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Albany

■ **RESIDENCE:** Albany

■ **EDUCATION:** Bachelor of Science in business administration from Thomas Edison State College in Trenton, N.J., 1996. Master of Theological Studies from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, 2003.

■ **PERSONAL:** Married the Rev. Stephanie Green on June 30.

■ **CLAIMS TO FAME:** Ordained deacon in the Episcopal Church on July 4, 2004. Ordained priest June 18, 2005.

could. Then Steve asked him the question that changed his life: "James, what do you believe?"

The answer came from Tramel's heart: "I really believe God loves us beyond measure."

Steve said, "James, that's what I want." He asked Tramel to baptize him — which he did, using water from the sink.

Then Steve died in his arms. Tramel has never been the same since.

"My life is no longer my own," he said.

He threw himself into prison activities — organizing victim/offender reconciliation groups, recording for the blind and conducting pizza sales among the inmates to raise money for Bay Area Women Against Rape.

He began studying by mail for the ministry. During his studies, he met and fell in love with a fel-

low divinity student named Stephanie Green, now his wife.

On July 4, 2004, Tramel became a deacon in the Episcopal Church. He was ordained a priest a year later.

But he was still facing a lifetime in prison. Six times he came up for parole, and six times he was turned down.

Finally, in 2005, the parole board said yes. But two days before Tramel was due to be released, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger reversed its decision.

"That was the hardest time of all," Green said. "We had his apartment all set up with everything he'd need to start a new life — new sheets, towels, cookware. It all had to be returned."

But this year the governor changed his mind, thanks to a letter-writing campaign among Episcopalians throughout Northern California, including Bishop William Swing. On March 12, after spending 21 of his 38 years behind bars, Tramel was a free man.

"I truly believe he would never have been released without all the people who wrote letters on his behalf," Green said. "That's what a church is — an ecclesia, a community."

He was the only inmate on the yard as he walked to the main gate that final day. He pushed a button to let the guard know he was ready to be released.

"A series of gates started opening in front of me, one after another, then closing behind me again," he said. "It felt like the Red Sea parting."

His parole officer drove him to his new home, the rectory at Good Shepherd Church in Berkeley. He served as assistant priest

at Good Shepherd when he moved to replace the Rev. John J. who retired in June. Not everyone saw Tramel's redemption. "I don't care how (his life around) the fiancée of St. Ther, Edward St. the Oakland Tribune care how remorse his punishment in prison for life. He knew right from Tramel under-

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Harris

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coroner, the crime laboratory and animal control.

Harris' personal road to the professional milestone hasn't been without challenges.

While climbing the ranks in the department, Harris raised a son and three step-children — all now grown — on her own. And she was treated for breast cancer two years ago.

"I have had a tremendous amount of support both inside the agency and from my family," Harris said. "It's really not something you do alone."

Assistant sheriff Bob Magginnis called Harris "a perfect match" for her new duties.

"It's an accomplishment for anyone to rise to the rank of commander, regardless of their background," Magginnis said. "I admire people like La Donna for a lot of reasons, one of which is that I've never heard her complain."

"I think she's remarkable," he said. "She's hardworking, she takes care of business, and she's earned the spot."

Harris said she is thankful for the support she has received from her colleagues and family during the years.

"It takes an entire community to do something like this," she said. At the heart, she credits her mother.

"My mother has been just a huge blessing for me," Harris said. "None of my accomplishments would have been possible without the foundation she established."

Harris was born at the former Brookside Hospital — now Doctors Medical Center in San Pablo — and raised in Richmond and El Cerrito. She attended Mira Vista Elementary, Adams Middle and John F. Kennedy High schools until her mother's job transferred

her to Augsburg, Germany, where Harris completed high school.

Upon returning to the United States, Harris earned a degree from Contra Costa College in San Pablo.

While working as a sheriff's deputy, she completed her studies with a degree in public administration from the University of San Francisco in 2000. She earned a master's degree in the same discipline from St. Mary's College last year.

Needless to say, Harris' mother, Marian Bartlow of El Cerrito, is proud.

"She's been through the mill, but she's quite a girl," Bartlow said.

Off the job, Harris is a lead soloist in the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir.

"She has an incredible singing voice," Magginnis said. "It's a God-given gift the likes of which I've rarely heard."

She also teaches adult traffic school and periodically teaches for the Alameda County Police Academy.

Harris, who said she plans to serve with the Sheriff's Office until she retires, recommends her profession without hesitation, but she said it's not for people looking for positive reinforcement from the public.

"Very often it can be a thankless job," she said. "You can't desire accolades, because those are not usually forthcoming."

Her advice for young people?

"Essentially that if you believe in yourself and you surround yourself with supportive people, you can be successful," she said.

"You need people who are not afraid to tell you you are wrong and who stand by you even as you correct what's wrong."

Today's ceremony is at 2 p.m. at the Alameda County Office of Emergency Services, 4985 Broder Blvd., Dublin.

have taken this on. I appreciate that they don't underestimate a child's ability to laugh at skewed reality or to be challenged. And I appreciate that modern artists give us the chance to reexamine our expectations and perhaps expand our understanding of the world.

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Initiative

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initiative would be placed on a ballot, he said.

The cost was not to exceed \$26,000.

The resolution passed 4-1 with Councilwoman Letitia Moore casting the lone nay vote.

Moore said the council should decide between a parcel or sales tax and make the decisions on how the money would be spent if an initiative passed.

But Councilman Bill Jones said Monday night the city has to spend money on surveys to see if a measure is worth putting on the ballot.

The council's decision to pursue the survey comes months after property owners rejected an increase to the city's lighting and landscaping fees.

The bulk of the "no" votes apparently came from owners of properties with businesses and multifamily residential units. Votes were weighted according to how much each property owner was asked to pay.

But, the potential initiative would be a very different type of tax and type of election, Hanin said.

And it would address city needs, he said.

The biggest projects are repairing, resurfacing and rebuilding streets as well as building new public safety, library and senior center buildings, Hanin said.

"The city has a number of significant unfunded needs and (it) needs to prioritize where available funds go and identify potential new sources of revenue since we do not have the funds to do everything," he said.

The El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency may be able to cover about half the total costs of the new facilities, but would not cover street work, he said.

Hanin said he hoped Godbe Research will begin conducting the 15-minute survey of 600

households in early September.

Laura Martinengo, branch librarian for the El Cerrito Library, said the branch would be better able to serve residents with a newer, updated building.

"There's just not a lot of room for growth," it's very cramped."

The library, which was last renovated in 1960, does not have enough seating or computers, Martinengo said, and lacks good space for programming activities.

The Open House Senior Center also has space problems.

The center was last expanded about 25 years ago and use has grown tremendously since, said Ellen Paasch, adult programs supervisor of the center.

The center has had to rotate some of its classes, holding one while stopping another, and the shared areas and public places of the center can be noisy.

"Space is a big problem," Paasch said, including inadequate storage.

In addition, the building "is not aesthetically pleasing," she said. The city's roads could use some work, as well.

The average pavement condition index, a numerical value of a street's condition — with 100 being a perfect road — is rated a 53 for all the city's streets, shy of the city's goal of 70 or better, said Bruce King, maintenance and engineering services manager for El Cerrito.

"I don't think the streets are absolutely terrible," he said. "They're certainly not at the level we'd like to see."

For the foreseeable future — unless there is some other outside funding — the city would need a sales tax increase or another initiative to get the pavement condition index to 70, King said.

Resident Kim Lee said she would favor a tax increase to pay for all those projects.

"If you invest in what people need, everyone reaps benefits," she said.

Web site

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Francisco, El Cerrito and Los Altos have approached Kitchen Democracy about having a page for those communities on the site.

So far, Kensington is the only other community included on Kitchen Democracy.

In May, the police department's chief, Barry Garfield, walked out of a Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District Board meeting. Last month, Brown Taylor was sworn in as the interim Kensington chief.

The site's Web masters expanded to the community after hearing about the issue of the pending police department audit, Vogel said.

"We saw that as an opportunity to help the citizens of Kensington work through that situation," he said.

But, Paul Haxo, president of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District Board, said the audit issue is no longer live.

The board already has directed Taylor to do an audit of the police department and has decided to contract out an in-

vestigation of all

misconduct by an

Ideally, Haxo is a good thing, but in how it is done could be a problem is presented in a said.

Also, the board advised the district respond to comments on the Web site to the state laws the meetings for local bodies if one disrespond and other the site.

Haxo said the to be given time works."

"Ideally, it should all depends upon presented," he said.

As for future, said Kitchen Democracy, be a good tool, both see what is have a voice, leaders would be actions are being

"At least community would have an what's going on,"

Reach Justin Hill 3578 or jhill@cc

Winkelstein

FROM PAGE A5

opinions, and in one short column I can't even begin to address it. However, as I watched myself adjust to Barney's work it made me think about the excitement of discovering a new concept or a new way to look at something.

I appreciate that children's book authors and illustrators



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Buyers have inspections. They conclude a purchase. However, recommendations for further investigation are overlooked and this has serious consequences. Buyer bought a striking property in a multiple-offer situation. The home inspector noted that an engineer needed to check the foundation. The buyer heeded this advice. After they began to worry about unevenness in the floor, they consulted with an engineer who told them that the foundation was faulty and that the house was moving.

The engineering inspection done during the inspection time frame, the buyer could have renegotiated the price with the sellers. Despite how the contract was written, they might have been able to get the contract with- out if they hadn't wanted to proceed with the purchase. However, these buyers discovered the seriousness of the problem at that point. The dispute was mediation and arbitration, provisions of their purchase agreement. As with all real estate transactions, there's no guarantee that they will work out.

Buyers bought a relationship house that didn't appear to have any glaring defects. They smelled a damp smell, but this is to the fact that the

house was located near a creek. They did not do any further investigations to find the source of the musty order.

After the first heavy rains, the buyers noticed staining on the interior walls underneath the windows, as well as stains on the exterior stucco. The house was located in a relatively new subdivision in a small housing tract in Marin County. Other neighbors noticed similar problems.

The homeowners whose homes were adversely affected hired an attorney and sued the builder. However, the builder didn't have insurance to cover construction defects. And, he didn't have the money to fix the problems.

There are several reasons why buyers don't execute further inspections. One is the cost. Spending several hundred dollars or more to make sure you're making a wise investment is minimal when you consider the cost of correcting serious problems. In both of the examples above, the remedies cost thousands of dollars.

Another reason buyers forego recommended inspections is lack of time. The time frame for inspection contingencies is negotiable between the buyer and seller. Sellers like to see the shortest contingency period possible. This can boomerang on the seller if it means the buyers don't have sufficient time to complete due diligence investigations.

HOUSE HUNTING TIP: If you need more time for inspections, ask the sellers for an extension. One way to sweeten the request is to remove your inspection contingency subject to an extension



DIAN HYMER
House Hunting

of time to complete specific further inspections. This way the sellers know that you're generally satisfied with the condition of the property, but need more time before removing the contingency altogether.

In some cases, further inspections can be expensive. Some buyers don't proceed because they are short of funds and don't want to spend them on what might be a losing proposition.

In this case, before giving up, you might ask the sellers to share the expense. If the issue in question is new information that the sellers were unaware of when they put the house on the market, they might be receptive to this approach to resolving the problem.

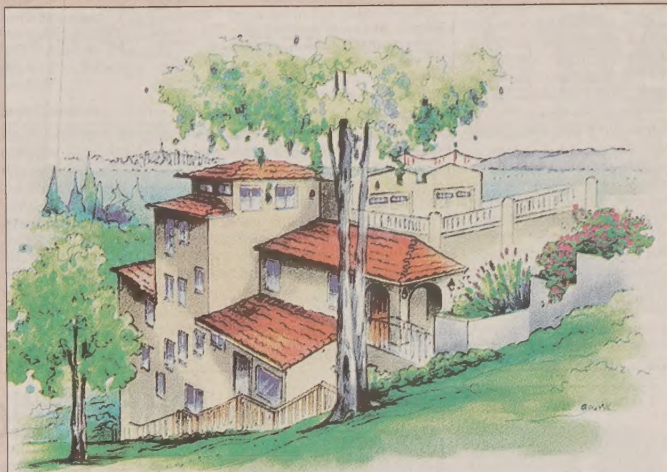
Home inspection reports are often loaded with disclaimers and recommendations to consult with other licensed professionals. The key is to determine which of these recommendations must be done.

THE CLOSING: Contact the home inspector directly and ask him to distinguish a cautionary note from a strong recommendation.

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Real Estate Spotlight:

Modern Mediterranean in dramatic canyon



THIS MAGNIFICENT NEW HOME at 7075 Skyline Blvd. in Oakland's Montclair district is ideally situated minutes away from Montclair Village and Highway 24, steps from the Huckleberry Botanic Gardens, and just a quarter mile to the Robert Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve. Set atop a breathtaking canyon, the property enjoys unobstructed views of the Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco and the bay. Designed to bring the view to every room, this four-level, four-bedroom (plus study and den), five-and-a-half-bath residence looks out through charming groupings of Craftsman-style windows. A beautiful, flexible open floor plan flows out to large decks on two levels. Streaming sunlight illuminates in-laid hardwood floors, 10-foot ceilings, and inspiring rooms that provide a perfect showcase for your art collection or family heirlooms. Architectural details such as an arched entrance hall and airy, light-filled stairwell create luxury while maintaining livability and warmth. The master suite enjoys magical views, an enormous walk-in closet, an elegant bath with Jacuzzi tub and separate roomy shower, and sliding glass doors leading to the expansive deck. A wood-paneled elevator accesses every level. There are 27 in-ceiling speakers with individual room controls, a pantry/wine room connected to the kitchen, handsome 9-foot solid wood doors throughout and a fire sprinkler system throughout the entire house.

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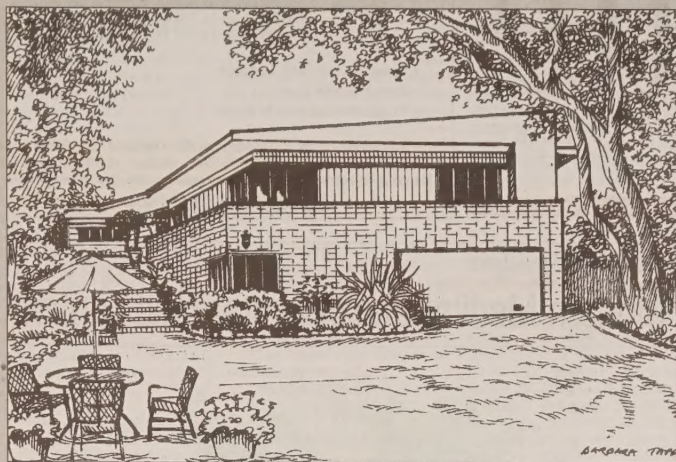
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Housing facts

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RE Web

Consumers can find a wealth of information on the Internet. It's a logical first step in finding out just about everything to do with real estate.

Here's a site I've visited and thought you might like too. This is a useful site if you are looking to move to Oakland. Just a few of the features are listings of affordable housing developments, First-time buyer programs and residential rehabilitation services for owner-occupied and rental properties. But even if you already live there or you're just interested in visiting check out the points of interest, the events calendar and city news. Find all this at oaklandnet.com.

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Cabinet keeps computer handy, out of sight

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Here's a great way to keep your computer protected and out of sight while adding office and study space to your home—all without major construction. Perfect for a den, bedroom or even one end of the dining room, this computer secretary project allows do-it-yourselfers to use a small area for big jobs, then close everything up in an attractive cabinet.

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In a time of super spenders and discontinued company pension plans, saving for retirement has become an increasingly difficult task. Because we must rely primarily on our own plans and estimates, it is quite common for us to look to conventional wisdom when planning for life after we've quit working.

Personal finance literature, savings programs and expert advice may seem endless, each offering "tricks of the trade," but it is important to examine each of our unique personal circumstances before settling with the standard. After all, nest eggs come in many different sizes and situations.

One of the most common "rules" in retirement is to avoid tapping your tax-deferred accounts and instead generate cash by liquidating other investments. While this option can be beneficial in many circumstances, you may also want to consider those accounts with the lowest rate of return, regardless of whether they are tax-deferred or not. By historical standards, interest rates today remain relatively low. While core inflation also is low, the real return on fixed-income investments such as bonds may be lower than that of various equity securities. To illustrate, under this scenario, a hypothetical portfolio composed of 50 percent stocks and 50 percent bonds would likely last longer if bonds were withdrawn before stocks.

Another common retirement ritual is to begin taking withdrawals from Social Security. However, it is important to keep in mind the rules associated with these benefits. You may want to delay taking Social Security for as long as possible. Remember, your payouts will rise for each year you wait until age 70, but if you withdraw before your 70th birthday, there is a small increment of reduction for each month you take benefits early. And, the reduction is permanent.

For example, if your full retirement age is 66, and you begin to take benefits at 62, each check you receive from that point on will only be 75 percent of the full amount you

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would have received had you waited.

Another bit of conventional wisdom deals with the percentage of your current income that you will need in order to have a comfortable retirement. Many say that the average American worker will need approximately 80 to 85 percent of their pre-retirement income in order to maintain their current standard of living. Before these numbers are set in stone, however, there are various factors to consider that may push you to strive for even more savings.

For example, health care costs are rising. In fact, during the coming years the increase in health care costs is expected to continue to outpace inflation. Additionally, there is also the possibility you may need nursing home care. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services estimates that about 40 percent of people aged 65 or older

have at least a 50 percent lifetime risk of entering a nursing home.

Along with the increased burden of medical care, many retirees dream of exotic trips to faraway destinations during their golden years. Be sure to factor this in as well. While many of your expenses — commuting costs, professional attire and children's needs — may go down once you enter retirement, different priorities or needs may meet or exceed your previous costs. These are just some of the additional considerations you need to be aware of when planning how much income you'll need in retirement.

While personal finance and retirement planning advice seems plentiful in today's world, it is essential for you to look at your specific situation in order to tailor a retirement plan that's right for you. As your needs change and your nest

egg evolves, you need to question "conventional wisdom" and plan for your own retirement.

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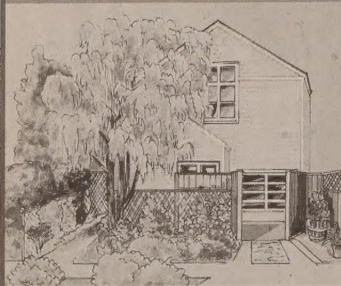
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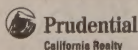
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and become rancid. It may seep through inside surfaces. It will smell bad for months. It may attract ants and other insects and mice.

I read true bee stories about people who got bees to come out of a building on their own. No sawing, no wrecking. Here's what they did: They set up a small colony with a queen in a box located as near as possible to the entrance hole used by the bees inhabiting the building. This was the bait.

Then they attached over the entrance hole a wire mesh cone, the end shaped in such a way that bees could come out but not go back in. The bees came out of the building and find the new colony so appealing that they move. In six weeks, or so the story goes, all the bees have relocated.

This sounded great but for this sort of bee trapping to be successful, constant attendance by the right person is required. Too bad, because I was dreading having to open the surfaces of my building.

Once Anet and I were on the scene while a bee colony was removed from a house, a listing we had in Berkeley. Relatives of the owner, a woman in her eighties who had been ill and in bed for some time, had noticed bees going in and out of a small hole outside the woman's bedroom window.

After the woman died and we were called to market the property, we thought the bees should be dealt with. It turned out that the bees had built an extensive hive in the bedroom ceiling and had even spread to the area above the adjacent living room.

A large opening had to be cut in the ceiling to remove the hive. It was quite a mess, dirty and black and sticky, comb and bee carcasses all over the place.

Remembering this experience, and after learning what I had about bees, I decided I had to go forward. I had to let Khaled do his thing. But I didn't want to be there, didn't want to experience the deconstruction or bee removal in person. I prevailed on Shaun to meet Khaled early one morning. I got an OK from the tenants, who secured their cats away from the probable action site, and that day, I sat at home by the phone.

Less than half an hour after start time, Shaun called to say that they had located the nest above the downstairs apartment's kitchen ceiling. They could see that the nest was large and that it ran between the floors. He asked if I would prefer that they remove the nest from below or from above.



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It took all told about six hours to remove the hive and to clean up, including — at Shaun's estimate — nine gallons of honey. The hole in ceiling is about 4 feet long and runs between rafters, so it's close to 2 feet wide.

Because the surface above the nest is covered with hardwood floors, it seemed to both Shaun and to me that going from below would be easier and less expensive to repair. That decided, Khaled and his assistant vacuumed the bees up, then took them to a hive he keeps.

Shaun called to update me. Khaled had been stung a few times; so had his assistant. They would be back before long to remove the honey and comb.

Shaun was taking photos to show me. It was good that we'd dealt with this now because the bees were already spreading further afield. Plus, an interesting bit of trivia: Khaled had identified the bees as Italian.

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Some bees were not "at home" during the removal so Khaled will be back in a week. Meanwhile, the hole is covered with paper and taped securely closed.

My downstairs tenant returned home after work that evening and reported that she could hear activity behind the paper in the ceiling, and the kitchen floor was still sticky. Khaled will soon return, then Shaun will repair the ceiling and with any luck, this is my last bee thriller.

Pat Talbert and Anet Tarpo are residential real estate agents who can be reached at 653-2050 and at www.tarpoandtalbert.com.

Should homeowners refinance before retirement?

INMAN NEWS FEATURES

Dear Bob: My husband and I are 68. I retired last December. He will retire in August. We still owe \$73,000 on our \$155,000 ranch house. Since our retirement budget will be tight, my husband wants to refinance now for \$125,000, put the money in a trust account, and make the house payments with this money. Is this a good idea? — Jackie U.

Dear Jackie: Readers in high-cost housing areas are drooling at your low housing costs. But it looks like you have no alternative if you can't afford the current mortgage payments on your retirement income.

I don't think you have enough home equity to qualify for a senior citizen reverse mortgage lump sum to pay off the existing mortgage. Just for fun, check with a local reverse mortgage lender to see if you could qualify for a reverse mortgage so you wouldn't have any payments.

What if home seller refuses to deliver the deed?

Dear Bob: I have been in escrow since April 24, 2005, to buy a house. But the seller's mortgage lender refuses to waive the pre-payment penalty on her loan and will not allow the sale to close. I have met all my financial obligations as the buyer. What should I do? — Annie B.

Dear Annie: I presume your seller refuses to pay the pre-payment penalty and you really want to own that house.

If I were in your situation, I would consult a local real estate attorney to file a specific performance lawsuit to enforce the purchase contract with a recorded "lis pendens" (that means title litigation is pending) against the title.

Such a lawsuit protects your legal right to buy the home and effectively prevents the seller from selling to another buyer, perhaps at a higher price, or refinancing the mortgage.

If the case goes to trial, the court can order the seller to deliver the deed, including paying the pre-payment penalty which is not a valid excuse not to honor your sales contract.

Is Aunt Sally's 1981 deed still valid?

Dear Bob: My Aunt Sally quit-claimed her property to herself and my sister Karen in 1981. However, the deed was never recorded. Sally passed away in 1982. Is it too late to record the deed now?

— **Serge A.**
Dear Serge: If the quit claim deed is in proper recordable form, and Aunt Sally's signature was properly notarized, it is up to the local recorder of deeds to determine if an old deed is recordable under state law where the property is located.

If the recorder of deeds refuses to record the deed, your sister Karen should bring a quiet title lawsuit in the jurisdiction where the property is located to determine her rights to the property. The court will also consider the rights of whoever inherited Aunt Sally's interest in the property.

Condo speculator owes ordinary tax on profit

Dear Bob: In March 2004 I signed a pre-construction contract to buy a condo and I paid a 20 percent down payment. I closed on my



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purchase in March 2005. I will sell the condo in July 2005 at a substantial profit.

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— **George M.**
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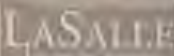

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Six-hundred-payment loan? Long way to go for 50-year mortgages

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That's a minuscule portion of the industry's \$700 billion in all mortgage originations in the period.

Darren Welsberg, president of the Illinois Association of Mortgage Brokers, said he is not seeing "any activity on the loans" in Chicago. "It's too soon."

Dan Green, a mortgage planner with Mobium Mortgage Group in Chicago, said the loans recently

pay off debt and improve their credit scores — then refinance out of the 50-year loan to something with better terms. "It's ironic that the longest available amortized loan is really a short-term solution for some people," Green said.

So far, most of the loans are in California, though a few lenders are marketing them nationally to subprime borrowers, who have spotty credit histories and are likely to pay higher interest rates.

"This is not a product that has been taking the world by storm,"

Mae and Bear, Stearns & Co. said recently that they have no plans to buy the 50-year mortgages from lenders. Just give them time, say

some in the industry. "I don't see any objections to Fannie and Freddie (Mac) buying the product," said Terry King, who follows loan trends

for MRG Document Technologies, a Dallas firm that provides support services to the mortgage industry. "Let it pick up speed. It's got momentum on the East and West Coasts."

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Critics dismiss these loans as a poor choice or a marketing gimmick. But some in the industry say 50-year mortgages are finding their niche, and it may be just a matter of time before they are common.

have become available to Chicago-area borrowers through mortgage brokers who have business relationships with several national lenders that are offering them. Most of these lenders specialize in so-called "subprime" or "nonprime" loans.

Green said some of those credit-impaired borrowers might be good candidates for the 50s. The borrowers would use the ARM to leverage the equity from their homes to

said Doug Duncan, chief economist for the Mortgage Bankers Association, a trade group in Washington, D.C. "From a statistical perspective they are practically nonexistent."

Mega-lenders such as Wells Fargo and Countrywide say they have no plans to make 50-year loans.

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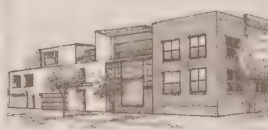
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3/1+ - Artistic home with detached studio, double garage. On large corner lot with private courtyard. Rare!
5601 Esmond Avenue Open 2-4:30



OAKLAND - NEW! \$795,000
TRIPLEX - 2-bedroom units with split-level charm, original details, hardwood floors, in-unit laundry, garages with interior access.
6138 Shattuck Avenue Open 1:30-4:30



OAKLAND - NEW! \$499,000
2/1 - Charming 1920's bungalow with curb appeal, hardwood floors, fireplace, breakfast nook, pretty garden, huge yard.
2607 Kingsland Avenue Open 2-4:30



OAKLAND \$559,000
4/2 - Stunning 1884 Victorian. Estuary and bridge views. Updated kitchen and baths. Large sunny yard.
1726 19th Avenue Open 2-4



RICHMOND \$899,000
2/1.5 - The Bay. Perched on the marina with an attached boat dock. Remodeled open floor plan. www.katieandmark.com
1310 Mallard Drive Open 2-5



OAKLAND \$485,000
1/1 - Luxury Market Square condo in the heart of historic Old Oakland. Urban living, fusion of style, comfort, charm & convenience.
585 9th Street #428 Open 2-4



OAKLAND \$579,000
2/1 - Stylish lower Glenview bungalow. Original charm, hardwood floors, built-ins, fireplace, updated kitchen, landscaped backyard.
1673 Miami Court Open 2-4



OAKLAND \$325,000-\$334,000 each
4 LOFTS - In a very cool warehouse conversion with mezzanines, stained concrete, marble, skylights & more! www.saragarabedian.com
2201 West Street Open 2-4



PINOLE - NEW! \$619,900
4/1 - Sparkling remodel with hill views. New granite kitchen & baths, large yard, fireplace. www.justsellmyhouse.com
1989 Shea Drive Open 2-4



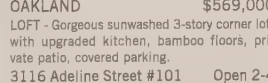
OAKLAND - NEW! \$485,000
3/1 - Level in condo. Kitchen with granite counters, travertine stone in bath, bamboo floors, lush landscaping, secure off street parking.
622 Alcatraz Avenue #A Open 2-4



OAKLAND - NEW! \$495,000
3/1 - Top floor condo. Kitchen with granite counters, travertine stone in bath, bamboo floors, lush landscaping, secure off street parking.
626 Alcatraz Avenue #D Open 2-4



OAKLAND - NEW! \$579,000
DUPLEX - Great 1940's 2-bedroom units in Millsmont. Oak floors, fireplaces, new plumbing, heating, baths, landscaping.
6233 Laird Avenue Open 2-4



OAKLAND \$569,000
LOFT - Gorgeous sunwashed 3-story corner loft with upgraded kitchen, bamboo floors, private patio, covered parking.
3116 Adeline Street #101 Open 2-4

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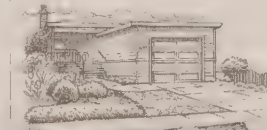
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RICHMOND \$649,000
4/3 - Impeccably maintained! Bolivian rosewood floor in living room, high ceiling, lush garden, new carpet throughout, 2-car garage.



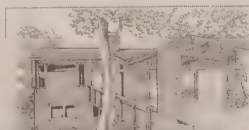
RICHMOND \$850,000
FOURPLEX - Well maintained 2bd/1ba units with updated kitchens & baths. Parking, laundry, storage space. Near El Cerrito Plaza.



EL CERRITO \$499,000
2/1 - Cute bungalow in great location. Updated bath & kitchen with interior access to garage. Beautifully landscaped.



EL CERRITO \$699,000
2 HOUSES ON 1 LOT - 2bd/1ba & 1bd/1ba. Each has hardwood floors, washer/dryer, garden. Near El Cerrito Plaza, Pacific East Mall.



KENSINGTON \$799,000
3/2.5 - Shingled Shangri-la nestled in the hills. Updated kitchen, 2 fireplaces, deck, Bay sunsets. www.justsellmyhouse.com



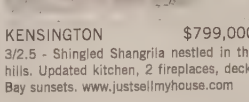
OAKLAND \$509,000
3/1 - Elegant home. Warm paint colors, hardwood floors throughout, fireplace. Kitchen granite countertop, laundry room, garage.



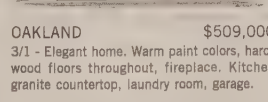
OAKLAND \$935,000
4/2 - Grand Traditional. Great light, plus rooms, architectural details galore, park like garden. www.heidiandjerry.com



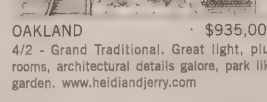
OAKLAND \$699,000
3/1.5 - Crocker Highlands charmer! First time on the market in 40 years! Very well maintained.



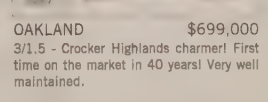
GILROY \$449,000
2/2 - Totally remodeled townhome with new floors, granite counters, designer paint, inside laundry, attached garage. www.katieandmark.com



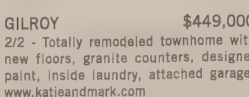
OAKLAND \$529,000
DUPLEX - Charming fixer-upper duplex has 1920's charm. Front 1+1/1, rear 2/1.5. Ample parking. Big front yard. Diamond in the rough! Close to public transportation & shops.



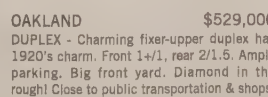
OAKLAND \$589,000
2/1 - Newly renovated raised bungalow. Spacious rooms flow through a comfortable floor plan, new kitchen, deck, roomy backyard. Close to Rockridge & Temescal shops.



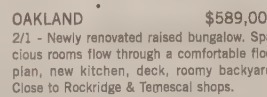
OAKLAND \$499,000
3/1 - Centrally located, super cute house with fireplace, newer roof, and heating/electric upgrade. Near Ashby & Rockridge BART. www.charliecookproperties.com



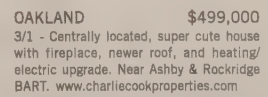
ALBANY \$452,500
2/2 - Rare & elegant 3rd floor corner unit at Bayside Commons. 2 master suites, private balcony with hill views, fireplace, new paint.



BERKELEY \$549,000
COMMERCIAL CONDO - Amazing & fully remodeled. Custom cabinets, granite counters, washer/dryer in unit, stainless steel appliances.



BERKELEY \$589,000
2/1 - Great bungalow. Big backyard with lawn, planting beds & deck. Fabulous kitchen. Media center. Near 4th Street shops.



MORAGA \$349,000
1/1 - Immaculate end unit 850 sq.ft. with hardwood floors, updated kitchen & bath, open living spaces, deck with canyon views.



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ALAMEDA

1520 9th St - \$599,000
2704 Bayview Dr - \$940,000
617 Baywood Rd - \$668,000
420 Coia Ballena D - \$720,000
2628 Eagle Av - \$905,000
2040 Enclinal Av - \$654,000
48 Invincible F19 - \$775,000
23 Leonard Ct - \$590,000
350 Lina Av - \$1,076,000
2420 Marl Rae - \$455,000
1725 Nason St - \$680,000
2378 Oceana St - \$1,219,500
1804 Pearl St - \$635,000
2014 Santa Clara - \$1,110,000
3247 Sterling Av - \$629,000
16 Sunny Cove Cr - \$985,000
2708 Washington - \$670,000
1333 Webster A215 - \$320,000

ALBANY

415 Cornell Av 301 - \$410,000
1020 Cornell Av - \$525,000
555 Pierce St 1022 - \$327,000

BERKELEY

1328 Alcatraz Av - \$550,000
2842 Ashby Av - \$1,100,000
562 Cragmont - \$1,010,000
1412 Cypress St - \$780,000
3005 Dana St - \$510,000
2400 Dowling Pl 4 - \$280,000
3034 Hillgass Av - \$816,000
3331 King St - \$835,000
2700 Le Conte 302 - \$420,000
1510 Stannage Av - \$787,000
2036 Vine St - \$880,000
560 Vistamont Av - \$950,000
1743 Ward St - \$655,000
2903 Wheeler St - \$690,000

EL CERRITO

2749 Arlington - \$625,000
2319 Cedar St - \$585,000
1429 Liberty St - \$495,000
820 Park Wy - \$750,000
7435 Seaview Pl - \$635,000

EL SOBRANTE

119 Del Valle Cr - \$319,000
423 Joan Vista St - \$369,000
7 Live Oak Cr - \$430,000
20 Oak Creek Rd - \$600,000

EMERYVILLE

2 Anchor Dr F478 - \$525,000
1512 Brunswick Ln - \$749,000
1544 Brunswick Ln - \$754,000
6363 Christie 2404 - \$460,000
84 Emery Bay Dr - \$500,000

KENSINGTON

244 Cambridge - \$651,000
421 Santa Fe - \$855,000

OAKLAND

655 12th St 108 - \$500,000
1024 36th St - \$535,000
363 38th St - \$455,000
2194 42nd Av - \$565,000
1201 58th Av - \$370,000
1330 58th Av - \$458,000
3021 58th Av - \$507,000
524 61st St - \$514,000
2049 81st Av - \$490,000
1100 82nd Av - \$400,000
2424 82nd Av - \$419,000
1637 85th Av - \$550,000
1125 86th Av 209 - \$533,000
1248 98th Av - \$400,000
585 9th St 329 - \$302,500
585 9th St 338 - \$297,500
585 9th St 421 - \$428,500
585 9th St 601 - \$385,000
3110 Adeline S116 - \$411,000
6240 Aspinwall - \$1,100,000
420 Avon St - \$875,000
1066 Calcot Pl - \$450,000
605 Canyon Oaks C - \$347,500
650 Canyon Oaks C - \$476,500
635 Canyon Oaks D - \$347,500
467 Cavour St - \$679,000
9922 Cherry St - \$455,000
9921 D St - \$540,000
8033 Earl St - \$479,500
1912 East 30th St - \$475,000
9233 East E St - \$400,000
1166 Elmhurst Av - \$429,000
5360 Estates Dr - \$849,000
77 Fairmont 313 - \$327,500
2373 Foothill Bl - \$875,000
2765 Frazier Av - \$450,000
359 Ghormley Av - \$379,000
5951 Grizzly Peak - \$1,135,000
3243 Hannah St - \$310,000
4108 International - \$2,000,000
385 Jayne Av 314 - \$325,000
3471 Laurel Av - \$490,000
3801 Laurel Av - \$610,000
5625 Market St - \$680,000
3231 Monterey Bl - \$820,000
3585 Monterey Bl - \$729,000
9847 Olive St - \$415,000
1134 Peralta St - \$455,000
7863 Plymouth St - \$412,000
3318 Revere Av - \$735,000
6679 Saroni Dr - \$585,000
4921 Scotia Av - \$750,000
29 Slater Ln - \$1,048,000
108 Strathmoor - \$1,110,000
1288 Sunnyhills - \$1,660,000
676 Sycamore St - \$360,000
6565 Valley View - \$679,000
5352 Walnut St - \$585,000
3496 Woodruff Av - \$650,000

RICHMOND

550 28th St - \$400,000
1839 2nd St - \$440,000
450 36th St - \$475,000
5409 Ace Ct - \$578,000
6525 Arlington Bl - \$454,000
49 Bayside Ct 296 - \$336,500
135 Bayside Ct 382 - \$280,000
146 Bayside Ct 393 - \$403,000
112 Bayside Ct - \$398,000
3817 Center Av - \$410,000

1532 Chanslor L - \$210,000
5229 Columbia Av - \$390,000
6319 Highland Av - \$595,000
3409 Maricopa Av - \$485,000
2325 McBryde Av - \$515,000
2640 Meadow Crest - \$625,000
5716 Oakmont Dr - \$840,000
199 Schooner Ct - \$321,000
3133 Shane Dr - \$610,000
635 South 22nd St - \$575,000
264 South 42nd St - \$549,000
355 South 50th St - \$400,000
3015 Tulare Av - \$495,000
646 Western Dr - \$990,000
406 Wood Glen - \$1,061,500

SAN LEANDRO

14448 Acacia St - \$610,000
309 Bellevue Dr - \$425,000
825 Billings Bl - \$580,000
229 Cherrywood - \$534,000
1758 Dayton Av - \$555,000
972 Estudillo Av - \$648,000
1611 Halsey Av - \$515,000
1881 Kappa Av - \$585,000
15290 Laverne Dr - \$670,000
1383 Purdue St - \$590,000
13763 School St - \$825,000
2077 Washington 309 - \$259,000
14751 Western Av - \$550,000

SAN LORENZO

16123 Bertero Av - \$550,000
15553 Tracy St - \$558,000
17081 Via Alamitos - \$845,000
16129 Via Olinda - \$508,000

By the numbers

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 18
LOWEST PRICE: \$320,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,219,500
MEDIAN PRICE: \$680,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$757,250

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$327,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$525,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$410,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$420,667

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 14
LOWEST PRICE: \$280,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,100,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$787,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$733,071

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: \$495,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$750,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$625,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$618,000

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$319,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$600,000

See SALES, Page B9

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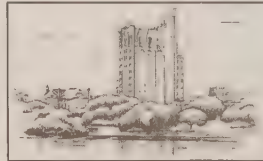
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FROM PAGE B6

Can heir select date to determine "stepped-up basis?"

Dear Bob: You have often explained the stepped-up real estate basis valuation at the date of a property owner's death (or alternate date used by the estate). The comparable sales prices near the date of death for an inherited home average \$459,000. However, three months after the death, the house sold for \$600,000. How can I use an "alternate date" to reflect a more realistic stepped-up basis?

— John J.

Dear John: I presume you are the heir who inherited the property with a stepped-up basis. It is up to the estate executor to determine if an "alternate date" for valuation of estate assets is desirable for the estate. This usually occurs in a declining market.

If there was no alternate date used for valuation by the estate, then the date of death valuation is usually used to determine the heir's new "stepped-up basis" to market value.

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For full details, please consult the estate executor or attorney.

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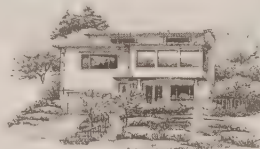
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Dee Plunkett 527-9111



7815 Potrero Ave. El Cerrito

Adorable 3br/2ba, 1-level hills home on large landscaped lot. Master suite, kitchen w/sliding door to patio. Roses & plenty of room for a veg garden. Hardwood floors, new carpet, fresh paint in & out.

\$569,000 Open Sun 2-4:00
Jean Shrem/Marni Fischer 527-9111



1080 McLaughlin St. Richmond

3BR/1BA home has it all! Big 6000sf lot, charming built-in cabinets, new wood laminate floors, updated kitchen w/granite countertops, tile bath, 2-car garage, full basement. Designer paint in & out.

\$499,000 Open Sun 1-4:00
Tony Wise 527-9111



1065 55th St. Oakland

Sharp Craftsman at bargain price. Gorgeous living room w/built-ins. Cute porch room. Sunny deck. High ceilings. Architectural details. Large fenced yard, off-street parking. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths.

\$495,000 Call office
Gloria Polanski 524-0800



645 39th St. Richmond N&E

Elegant, spacious 1928 bungalow is ready to move into! 3BR/1+BA, gorgeous details, inlaid hardwood floors, remodeled kitchen, lg formal living & dining rooms, breakfast nook, separate laundry room.

\$479,500 Open Sun 2-4:00
Mary Gray/Mykah Larkins 527-9111



2636 Regent St. Berkeley

Spacious Craftsman Flat! Refin hwd flrs, wainscoting, fireplace, dining rm w/office alcove. Remod bath. One lg BR. Utility room for laundry, work area, storage. Near park, tennis, pool, UC Berkeley & BART.

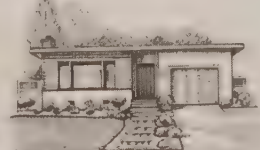
\$459,000 Open Sun 2-4:00
Terri Pederson 527-2700x36



926 Chester, #H Oakland

Huge loft w/wonderful light! 2-levels w/ bright open spaces. Great for live/work! Hardwood flrs, fabulous kitchen w/stainless steel appliances. 1BR/1BA. Ground flr end unit. 2 parking spaces. Nr BART!

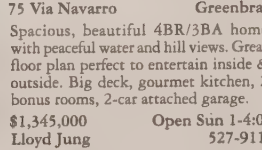
\$439,000 Shown by appointment
David Ratoosh 527-2700x44



6205 Ralston Ave. Richmond View

Mr. Tam view from your delightful new home! 2BR/1BA w/great floor plan. Backyard flat for play and terraced for garden! Hardwood floors, fireplace, eat-in kitchen. New dual-pane windows.

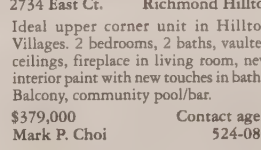
\$419,000 Open Sun 1-4:30
Maggie Resnick 527-9111



4121 E. 18th St. Oakland

Charming 2BR/1BA home on quiet cul-de-sac in need of TLC. Hardwood floors, arched doorway, fireplace in living room. Coved ceilings, enclosed yard, detached workshop and garden shed.

\$350,000 Open Sun 2-4:00
Jean Shrem/Marni Fischer 527-9111



100 Glenwood Hercules

Great new price on 1/1 condo with lots of amenities. Vaulted ceiling in living room, bonus loft space for home office, interior laundry area w/appliances. Pool. \$5,000 credit for closing costs!

\$289,900 Contact agent
Darrell Hoh 524-0800

BERKELEY

1577 Solano Avenue
510.527.2700

EL CERRITO

7502 Fairmount Avenue
510.527.9111

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289 Arlington Avenue
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Looking for a new home? Don't miss this week's Open Home Guide on page B10

OPEN SUNDAY

Open Sunday 2-5pm



6700 Gunn Drive, Oakland
Offered at \$1,139,000



Stunning Contemporary located in a serene setting and close proximity to Montclair Village and parks. This home features 5 bedrooms and 4 full baths, a large family room with an eat in kitchen, formal living and dining rooms, master suite with Jacuzzi tub, and in wall stereo speaker system throughout the home. Simply lovely!

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Open Sunday 2-4 PM



Just Listed-El Cerrito Hills
8623 Thors Bay Road



Gorgeous Custom Built Home in the El Cerrito Hills. This lovely split-level home has 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, a large office/family room with panoramic Bay views. This custom built home has a great living space with beautiful low maintenance motif garden with new and new redwood deck. Arlington Park, Mira Vista and Country Club. Offered at \$1,125,000



www.HomesByHeidi.com



4350 Bridgeview Drive
Offered at \$1,200,000

New Listing!
Open 2-4:30

Charming 3+ Bedroom/2 Bath, circa 1920's, Mediterranean retreat in great condition and located in the wonderful Oakmore District. Hardwood floors, a newer kitchen, family room, formal dining and a private, flower filled garden all grace this lovely residence. Staged by Seed Design.

Heidi Marchesotti
Fine Homes Specialist
#1 Producer
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NEW LISTING IN REDWOOD HEIGHTS



4641 GERANIUM PLACE



This beautiful 3 bedroom bath home has gleaming hardwood floors, a kitchen with stainless steel appliances, tile floors, counter space. The home has a wood-burning fireplace, loads of light and a great for dining. Off of the large backyard that is entertaining. Offered at \$739,000

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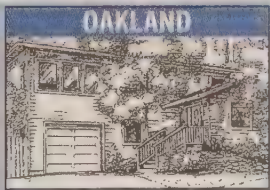


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FEATURED HOMES



OAKLAND
Sunday 2-5 \$1,139,000
6700 Gunn Dr. Spacious, contemporary 4+BR/4BA, family room, HWF.
Roberta Abel (510) 428-0900



OAKLAND
Sunday 2-4:30 \$799,000
6459 Pinehaven. New listing! 4BR/2BA Montclair home. Close to shops/schools.
Judith Glass/Sheila Sabine (510) 428-0900



OAKLAND
Sunday 2-5 \$650,000
2017 12th Ave. 19th Century Victorian Cottage with 21st Century upgrades. 2+BR/2BA. Park-like backyard.
Natalie Cuttler (510) 845-0211



EMERYVILLE
Sat & Sun 2-5 \$639,000
131 City Limits. Urban living at its best! 2 mstrs, chef's kit, balcony.
Lillie Brady (510) 868-1400



OAKLAND
Sat & Sun 2-5
933 42nd St. Sweet arts & 4+BR/1+BA, lg kit, HWF.
Lillie Brady

PIEDMONT
Sunday 2-4:30 \$3,500,000
55 Cambrian Avenue. Circa 1929 6BR/5BA Mediterranean Piedmont Estate.
George Millirons (510) 339-9290
Sunday 1-4 \$1,195,000
21 Bonita. 3BR/2.5BA, ex location, fab kit & gardens, fam rm, FP, gar.
Cunningham Team (510) 428-0900
New Price! \$1,189,000
505 Scenic, 1/2 acre, private, 4BR/3BA, sunsets, nature.
Scott Thompson (510) 428-0900

OAKLAND
Sunday 2-4:30 \$1,200,000
4350 Bridgeview Drive. Charming 3+BR/2BA. 1920's Mediterranean retreat.
Heidi Marchesotti (510) 339-9290
Sunday 2-4:30 \$830,000
1992 Magellan Dr. 4BR/2BA on level lot above village. HWF, FP, FDR. Lg. patio, dbl gar, lots of storage.
Barry Klein (510) 845-0211
Sunday 1-5 \$827,000
8140 Surrey Lane. Contemporary 3BR/3BA w/gorgeous floorplan.
Susan Lambert (510) 339-9290
Sunday 2-5 \$799,000
2700 Las Aromas. Mid-century 3BR/2BA architectural gem in Piedmont pines.
Leah Younger (510) 339-9290
Sat & Sun 2-4 \$789,000
1240 Bates Road. Sunny inviting 3BR/2BA Spanish Mediterranean.
MaryDresser.com (510) 339-9290

OAKLAND
Sunday 2-5 \$669,000
1819 Gouldin in Montclair. 2+BR/2BA on 11,000 sq. ft. lot! Near Village & Schools. Updated Kitch.
Vickie & Aleso (510) 428-0900
Sunday 2-4 \$599,000
1639 11th Ave. Sgl fam home converted to duplex. 2BR/1BA & 1BR/1BA, Nr. Lk. Merritt.
Kathy Dittmer (510) 428-0900
Sunday 1:30-4 \$575,000
201 4th St. #306. 2BR/2BA loft views, parking, storage. Close to shops.
Maria Cavallo-Merrison (510) 868-1400

OAKLAND
Sunday 2-4 \$575,000
1299 78th Ave. Lovely newly built 5BR/3BA home! Must see!
Reeching Price (510) 337-8670
Sunday 1-4 \$569,000
585 9th St. #307. 2BR/2BA. Downtown Stylish new condo! Close to BART, cafe.
Jake McTigue (510) 868-1400
Sunday 2-4 \$369,000
5604 E. 17th St. 3BR/1BA, Great potential.
Frances Russell (510) 868-1400

ALAMEDA
Sunday 1-4 \$589,000
1528 Broadway. Large 2+BR/1BA. Great school & Close to everything.
Ny Ungvasky (510) 717-6785
BERKELEY
Sunday 2-4 \$825,000
608 San Miguel 3 BR, 2BA w/in-law & beautiful garden. New Listing.
Terrence Jue (510) 868-1471



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Sunday 2-4:30 \$575,000
1730 Highland. Charming 1BR condo in N. Berkeley, wall of windows & woods.
Barbara Reynolds (510) 868-1400
Cute Bungalow \$499,000
Lge. 2BR/BA, Frpl in liv. rm, din rm with Crown molding. Eat-in-kit, Close to Hwy. 80.
Lela Logene Butler (510) 868-1400
Sunday 1-4 \$459,000
2418 5th St. 1BR/1BA, Lvl/vk loft in 2 unit bldg. w/lush prvt garden.
www.anlabecker.com (510) 868-1400

HAYWARD
Great Location \$565,000
3BR/2BA, upgraded kit, lam. flr, frpl, lrg yrd, mature fruit trees.
Kathy Gil (510) 276-2020 x 122

HAYWARD
Sunday 12-2 \$499,000
1460 171st Ave. Great starter home. Nice and clean, move in cond.
Gregory Garrett (510) 868-1400
Move Right In! \$59,950
Mobile hm, Sr. Prk, 1BR/1BA, 700 sq. ft., well maintained, must see!
Kathy Gil (510) 276-2020 x 122
Mobile Home Fmly Pk \$45,000
1BR/1BA, corner lot, upgraded, Indry area w/storage - CASH.
Kathy Gil (510) 276-2020 x 122

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
Sunday 2-4 \$1,125,000
8623 Thors Bay Rd. El Cerrito. Pano Bay Views! Contemporary w/4BR/2.5BA, garden.
Roy Grigsby (510) 845-0211

CONTRA COSTA
Sunday 1-4
930 Galvin Dr. Beautiful 3BR/2BA magnificent quarter ac views, quality details, new prof. dark rm, family rm.
Carol Heath-Kim
Remodeled 2BR/1.5BA
Richmond. W/in-law unit & spacious rms, move-in ready.
Angela Fireweger
Sunday 1-4
808 Dakota Court, Livermore
2BA on huge lot.
Mehreen Ferry

RESIDENTIAL
Sunday 2-4:30
864 Arlington Ave., Oakland
spacious 2BR/1BA + 1BR
Barbara Hopper
Sunday 2-4:30
3100 60th Ave., Oakland
1BA Sunny Millsmont
Kathrina Verzosa

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1240 Bates Road, Crocker Highlands \$789,000

Fabulous 3 bedroom, 2 bath Spanish Mediterranean home. Beautiful living room with stylish southwestern design fireplace. Formal dining room which opens onto private deck. Wonderful terracotta flooring leads to chef's dream kitchen with Viking 6-burner range. Master suite with skylit bath. This home has been beautifully maintained.

Please come by either this weekend or next, or call me and I can arrange a private viewing.

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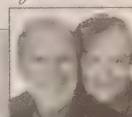
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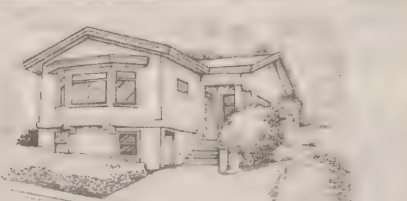
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From the hardwood floors with decorative, contrasting in-lays, to the stained & leaded glass windows & cabinets, this 1920's 2 bedroom 1 bath Craftsman home will delight you with its original period details. This home features an open, traditional floor plan with formal entry, an updated bath with new, period appropriate tiled floors, claw foot tub and pedestal sink, a large kitchen, closets and basement with ample storage, a backyard with brick-lined garden and patio/deck, and a detached two-car garage. Convenient access to Piedmont Avenue shops, Lake Merritt, freeways, and the future Whole Foods. Offered at \$675,000

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Mediterranean. 4bd/3ba, master SF views, spacious flr, w/HWF's, formal LR/DR, family rm, lg kitch w/courtyard entry. A must see! OPEN SUN 2-4:30
Ganice Morgan-Austin 339.4000~899.6395

VALLEY VIEW
TODD COURT
New construction Spanish Mediterranean. Imported rosewood, granite & marble flr. Excellent flr plan, 10' ceilings, stainless appliances, lg backyard w/tennis court. OPEN SUN 1-5
Ken Nwokodi 339.8400~485.5119

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New construction Spanish Mediterranean. Imported rosewood, granite & marble flr. Excellent flr plan, 10' ceilings, stainless appliances, lg backyard w/tennis court. OPEN SUN 1-5
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MONTCLAIR
6086 VALLEY VIEW ROAD
Spacious 4bd/3ba, 2983 sqft contemp. Vaulted ceilings, hwd flrs, wooded views & open flr plan. Chef's kit, FR combo, formal LR/FR, and 2 flrpl's
OPEN SUN 1-4:30
Photos at: www.6086ValleyViewRd.com
Jennifer Hobbs 339.8400~899.6335

MONTCLAIR
6895 OAKWOOD DRIVE
4+bd/3ba Contemp. Vaulted beamed ceilings, hwd flrs, skylights, large cooks kit, fam room combo, off, FLR & FDR. Surrounded by windows, balconies & decks. OPEN SUN 2-4:30
See tour at: www.NahidNassiri.com
Nahid Nassiri 339.8400~339.4550

MONTCLAIR
6110 ASPINWALL ROAD
4+bd/3ba brown shingle contemp. in gorgeous wooded setting! Updated kit & baths, decks, stone FP, HWF's, skylights, attached in-law w/separate entrance & private drive. OPEN SUN 2-4:30
See tour at: www.NahidNassiri.com
Nahid Nassiri 339.8400~339.4550

UPPER ROCKRIDGE
190 MODOC AVENUE
This charming, sunny 2bd/1ba home shows pride of ownership. Newly updated with a SF Bay view, this home has a garden patio perfect for entertaining. OPEN SAT & SUN 1-5
Photos at: www.190ModocAve.com
Michael Thompson 339.8400~339.5775

CROCKER HIGHLANDS
676 CALMAR
Fab 1921 bungalow located in Crocker Highlands, 3bd/2.5ba, views of downtown Oakland, LR, DR, updated kit/baths, hwf's, bonus room, and much, much more.
Ganice Morgan-Austin 339.8400~339.4558

OAKLAND
2451 ALIDA STREET
Very spacious Bay View home! Lots of room for home office and separate guest suite! Charming 1923 details.
OPEN SUN 2-4:30 See virtual tour at: PatriciaBennett.com 339.8400~482.9000

OAKMORE (LOWER)
4127 WATERHOUSE RD
Just listed! Sweet 1928 bungalow with great new kitchen & bath, formal dining, family room with French door to magical yard! OPEN SUN 2-4:30
See photos & tour at: PatriciaBennett.com 339.8400~482.9000

OAKLAND
226 29TH STREET
Just Listed! Lovely 2bd/1ba Craftsman w/orig period details. Featuring hwd flrs, fireplace in LR, pocket doors to formal dining w/built-ins. Big kitch, updated bath, lovely yard, two-car grg.
OPEN SUN 2-4:30
See tour at: www.NahidNassiri.com
Nahid Nassiri 339.8400~339.4550

GLENVIEW
3809 ARDLEY AVENUE
Classic Craftsman bungalow w/built-ins, hwd flrs, tiled FP, updated kitch w/nook + french drs to grassy back yd and detached cottage/workshop. Minutes to shopping & cafes.
OPEN SAT & SUN 2-4:30
Beatrix Kasten 339.8400~899.6366

LAUREL (UPPER)
4526 PAMPAS AVE
PRICE REDUCED! Fabulous 3bd/1ba Tudor. Quiet, at the end of a cul-de-sac with a fabulous yard. OPEN SUN 2-4:30
Nader Davari 339.8400~339.4566

MAXWELL PARK
5627 MORSE DRIVE
Sunny Mediterranean w/orig details-tiled flrpl, built-ins, china hutch. Freshly painted, refinished HWF. Xtra lg master suite, den/FR, FDR and updated kitchen and baths. 2+1/2
OPEN SUN 2-4:30
Rosie Nysaether 339.8400~339.4567

ALLENDALE
4257 SUTER STREET
Charming trad'l Craftsman nestled along a tree-lined street. Custom colors, hwd flrs, sun porch, landscaped backyard, and separate artist studio/office. OPEN SUN 2-4:30
David Sykes 339.8400~339.4558

PIEDMONT
1150 WINDSOR AVE
3bd/1.5ba 1900 sqft Spanish trad'l w/ lg bk yard. Loads of vintage charm, slab granite ctrs, newly painted w/ decorator colors. Walk to top rated Piedmont schools. OPEN SUN 1:30-4
Jim Mohr 925.837.2200~925.683.8817

SAN LEANDRO
1355 E. JUANA
Bay-O-Vista 4bd/4ba w/1200sqft (approx) in-law. 360 SF Bay views, hardwood floors, 2 fireplaces and more. OPEN SUN 2-4:30
Sherdella Sims 339.4000~899.6319

OAKLAND
3658 VIRDEN AVE
REDUCED! Wonderful 4bd/2ba. 2,100 sq/ft. Hwd flrs, newer appliances, FP, pano views, 2-car grg, new windows, and plus room. Awesome neighborhood. OPEN SUN 2-4:30
Robert M. Scott 339.4000~485.5118

SAN LEANDRO
520 PALA AVENUE
Rock bottom price! 5bd/2ba story-book English w/au-pair, French windows/doors, in historic Estudillo Estates. OPEN SUN 2-4:30
Jim Schubert 339.4000~517.4022

EL CERRITO
1120 LAWRENCE COURT
Wow! Spacious custom 4bd/2.5ba on quiet cul-de-sac. Spacious yd. Sunny kitch/fam rm. 2 car grg + more. OPEN SUN 2-5
Arnold Mueller 339.4000~899.6311

OAKLAND
8342 NEY AVENUE
PRICE REDUCTION! Motivated seller. Great for 1st time buyer or investor. Peaceful neighborhood, 3 nice sized bedrooms & 1 bath. Large level backyard great for entertaining, view.
OPEN SUN 2-4:30
Wilbert Ross 339.8400~899.6374

OAKLAND
3405 HELEN #10
Breezy condo w/low energy bills, views, morning light & bay breezes. Sellers will pay 1 year HOA dues.
OPEN SUN 1-4
Photos at: www.3405Helen-10.com
Seki Chikami 339.4000~858.7669

RICHMOND
537 17TH ST.
Cozy 2bedroom/1bath, nice yard with sprinklers & bay breezes. Walk to BART. OPEN SUN 2-4:30
Pamela Aziz 339.4000~899.6367

APPOINTMENT

REDWOOD HEIGHTS
4224 REINHARDT DRIVE
Hwd flrs/marble/granite, great room w/frpl, 1 bonus rm, eat-in kit, master ste w/frpl & bath w/hot tub. Individ. bdrm balconies.
Ken Nwokodi 339.4000~485.5119

OAKLAND
1635 81ST AVE
Great income property! Nice duplex 3bd/2ba on each side. Well maintained with cooperative tenants! A must see!
Lila Owens 339.4000~899.6315

MILLMONT
5455-57 MACARTHUR BLVD
Smart investment starter! Professionally managed property w/ garage & security system. 1950's construction. 2/1 & 1/1 units.
Sue Caro 339.8400~339.4284

LOT FOR SALE
PIEDMONT PINES
One of last available lots in Piedmont Pines, approx. 29,500 sq/ft. All reports available incl. plans for 2,800 sq ft 3bd/2.5ba home.
Mary Hanna 339.8400~339.5776

HERCULES
264 NAPOLI CT
Beautiful & spacious ground floor condo. Large master suite, 2 decks overlooking hills & clubhouse. Immaculately cared for. Complex has pool & spa. Quiet & comfortable, you're home!
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Stunning Brown Shingle
5526 Taft Avenue
Offered @ \$1,450,000

ONLINE TOUR @ www.5526Taft.Com

If you have been searching for that perfect home in the Heart of Rockridge that offers all the period Craftsman charm and also offers plenty of room for you to spread then you will love this beautifully restored and updated Brown Shingle. Conveniently located on a friendly, tree-lined street, close to everything Rockridge has to offer, this home features 5 bedrooms, 4 1/2 bathrooms, with 3 suites – including a sumptuous master bedroom suite with a perfectly redone “period” style bathroom and huge walk-in closet. There is a gracious entry, spacious living and dining rooms with a fireplace, boxed ceiling, wainscoting and built-ins, remodeled gourmet kitchen, bedroom suite, powder room, and an office all on the main floor. The kitchen is a dream for the eyes and the hands – the honed black granite counters are a refreshing departure from the typical white granite and the copious amount of cabinet and counter space will make using this kitchen a dream for the cook and all the helpers. Top end appliances and a warm, rich palette of colors complete the look. Upstairs features a master suite, another guest suite, 2 additional bedrooms, laundry, and hall bath. The backyard is level out of the kitchen and downstairs bedroom which functions perfectly as a den or family room. Outside you will find a lawn plus fully landscaped and irrigated garden with a sunny deck and newly rebuilt garage/ workshop. This home has it all, great architectural features like, crown molding, gleaming hardwood floors, huge friendly front porch, graciously landscaped front yard, and is in move-in condition with updated systems. Your new home is located close to College Avenue Shops and many Fine Restaurants, Market Hall, BART, Freeways, Casual Carpooling to SF, Berkeley, Downtown Oakland, Emeryville, and the NEW FARMERS’ MARKET.

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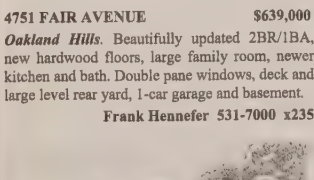
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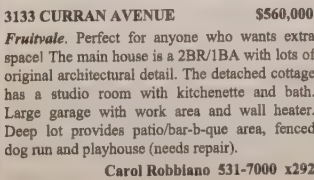
255 LEE STREET \$745,000
Adams Point. 3BR/2.5BA Luxury Penthouse, wood floors, granite kitchen and bath.
Patsy Buhler and Kevin Kennedy 531-7000



7481 WOODROW DRIVE \$710,000
Montclair. Classic Montclair Traditional, 2+BR/2BA with large rooms, hardwood floors, formal dining room, fireplace in living room. Bonus room can be 3rd bedroom or office. Super spacious, almost level fenced back yard!
Tracy Butler 531-7000 x232



4751 FAIR AVENUE \$639,000
Oakland Hills. Beautifully updated 2BR/1BA, new hardwood floors, large family room, newer kitchen and bath. Double pane windows, deck and large level rear yard, 1-car garage and basement.
Frank Hennefer 531-7000 x235



3133 CURRAN AVENUE \$560,000
Fruitvale. Perfect for anyone who wants extra space! The main house is a 2BR/1BA with lots of original architectural detail. The detached cottage has a studio room with kitchenette and bath. Large garage with work area and wall heater. Deep lot provides patio/bar-b-que area, fenced dog run and playhouse (needs repair).
Carol Robbiano 531-7000 x292



56 NEWHALL STREET \$550,000
Hayward. Lovely Huntwood area ranch home built in 1954. 3BR/2BA. Beautiful oak floors, new master bath, fresh interior paint, landscaped. Move in!
Michaela Shanahan 531-7000 x260



500 VERNON STREET #315 \$315,000
Adams Point. 1BR/1BA Very light, new carpet, fixtures, pool exercise room.
Patsy Buhler 531-7000 x238

BY APPOINTMENT



THERE'S NOTHING LIKE THIS TRIPLEX! \$1,300,000
Oakmore. One unit has 3BR/1.5BA, living room with fireplace, and dining room, another is 2BR/1BA with living room with fireplace, and dining room, and the 3rd unit is 1BR/1BA with a living and dining room. All have great detail and charm!
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Lower Temescal. 5-2BR/1BA units and a studio in a well maintained, low maintenance building. Laundry on premises. Off-street parking. Located near Kaiser Hospital, BART, Pill Hill, and Piedmont Avenue.
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CLAREMONT FIXER \$888,000
Oakland. Super Claremont District, 5BR/3.5 BA.
Gerald Cheney 540-8566

VIEWS! VIEWS! \$857,500
Oakmore. Spectacular view. 50's Contemporary 2BR (possible 3BR), 2BA. Oak floors. Great kitchen, workshop, storage, needs updating.
Ron Colyar 531-7000

4-UNITS DOWNTOWN \$825,000
Jack London Square. Commercial building near old town district of Oakland. Queen Anne Victorian with loads of charm. 2-Story, wonderfully restored, though needing minor refurbishing. PCR available and delivered vacant.
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PRICE REDUCED! \$579,000
Montclair. Montclair fixer on great street. Pretty creekside setting, 4BR/2BA, family room. Needs structural work and lots of cosmetics.
Chris Christensen 531-7000 x242

CHECK THIS OUT! \$265,000
Grand Avenue. Spacious 1BR top floor condo. Tastefully updated kitchen and bath, designer colors, green outlook, security parking, pool.
Carol Robbiano 531-7000 x292

LAND FOR SALE

LEVEL LOT \$875,000
Oakland. Mostly level lot with San Francisco and Bay view. Preliminary drawings for 4600 sqft house.
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LOOK AT THIS! \$485,000
Skyline. Marvelous downslope with approved Design Review plans. This is permit ready! View www.ElvertonLot.com.
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JEWELL COURT \$429,000
Oakland. Traditional home design with Design Review approval, approximately 4600 sqft with possible bay view.
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DOWNTOWN OAKLAND \$425,000
Fruitvale. Fantastic growing area. Area of new businesses and new condos and homes. Very desirable neighborhood. Utilities in street.
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LAND FOR SALE

WILBUR ROAD \$389,000
Oakland. 1/4 Acre parcel zoned for 15-units, level and gentle slope.
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LARGE LOT/GENTLE UPSLOPE \$380,000
Trestle Glen. Utilities in street and within a very good school district and neighborhood.
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PANORAMIC BAY VIEW \$350,000
Lincoln Heights. Least expensive bay view lot in the Oakland hills. Down slope lot with utilities in street. Large street frontage and SFR zoned.
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DOWN SLOPE \$349,000
Oakland. With 62' front frontage, current survey and design review drawings in the works
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23 ACRE LEVEL LOT \$299,000
Oakland. Zoned high-density, 3-4 units possible
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BAY VIEW LOT \$250,000
Claremont. Behind Claremont Hotel. Gentle downslope with south bay view and possible city view. Price just reduced! Area of 1/2-acre homes.
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MONTCLAIR LOT WITH BUILDING APPROVAL \$235,000
Oakland. A 2660 square foot Spanish Villa with approved building plan all utilities in street.
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LAND IN MONTCLAIR \$189,000
Montclair. Large upslope lot in Montclair. Close to Village in quiet area.
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MARIN COUNTY-NEW LISTING \$185,000
Marin. 3 Lots for one low price. Located on Shoreline Hwy near Muir Woods. Conceptual home drawings available but not approved.
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3 CONTIGUOUS UP SLOPES \$155,000
Oakland. In rapidly developing neighborhood. 1 or all 3. Lots 3057 and 3058 at \$155K each and 3055 at \$148K.
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TWO MONTCLAIR LOTS \$125,000
Montclair. Best price in Montclair. Priced below comps. Upslope lot in an area where many new homes are under construction.
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320 LEE STREET #706

Walls of glass overlook fabulous views of Lake Merritt from the living room and bedroom of this sophisticated 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Gorgeous parquet floors, spacious deck and beautifully updated kitchen. Great Adams Point location close to shops, restaurants and BART.



OFFERED AT
\$359,000



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6357 Brookside Avenue, Oakland ~ Offered at \$1,500,000



The ever popular builder Mark Becker, designed this 4BR/3.5BA Mediterranean with attention to detail and fine craftsmanship. Built in 2000, this home has a gourmet eat-in kitchen, and is level-out from the formal dining room to the garden and patio. This property features a private au pair/guest/office suite with bath and separate entrance. Becker signature amenities; hand-troweled walls, beautifully arched doorways, rounded corners and a dramatic fireplace are incorporated in this wonderful home. Centrally located just minutes from BART, SF freeways, and College Avenue shopping and dining.



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1767 Brandon Street, Oakland - Offered at \$575,000

The most charming cottage awaits, on a quiet little lane, with a green grassy sunny remodeled kitchen, stylish newer bath and the tranquil ambience of a garden. Entertain on the flower filled patio, or just listen to the birdsong. Close by to the BART station, one of Oakland's favorite places to be! Two bedrooms, one bath.



Joan Dark

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39 Crest Road, Piedmont



This beautiful property sold with multiple offers after only 12 days on the market. Originally offered at \$4,100,000

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Now offered at \$1,219,000

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OPEN SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2-4:30PM



1381 HOLMAN ROAD
Delightful light-filled 1920's home featuring 3BR/2BA, fabulous master bedroom with view, living room with fireplace, landscaped front garden, basement and garage. Offered at \$789,000



1397 BARROWS ROAD

Charming split-level 1940's home. 2BR/1BA, sunny upgraded kitchen with adjacent laundry room, remodeled bath, fireplace, hardwood floors, garage and backyard. NEW PRICE! Offered at \$645,000



1371 HOLMAN ROAD

Cheery 1920's Mediterranean style 1BA, kitchen just remodeled with beechwood counters, newer bathroom, dining room, fireplace, hardwood floors. NEW PRICE! Offered at \$645,000

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Sunday August 27th
2:00 - 4:30pm



676 Calmar Avenue in Oakland

This fabulous 1921 bungalow, located in Crocker Highlands, has 3 bedrooms and 2.5 baths and boasts rare views of downtown Oakland. Includes a formal living room and dining room, updated kitchen and baths, hardwood floors throughout, a bonus room perfect for home office or the kids, and expansive decks for al fresco entertaining. Close to Lakeshore amenities including specialty shops, coffeehouses, Saturday farmer's market, restaurants, and parks. Offered at \$789,000

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OFFERED AT
\$839,000

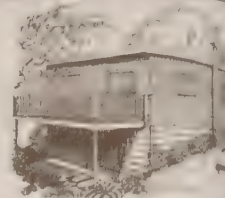
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3941 COOLIDGE AVENUE

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2:00 - 4:30pm

14 Chancellor Place in the Claremont Hills

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Plus an In-Law Apartment
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the fireplace in the living room. There
are two bedrooms and one bath. All
wood floors have been refinished and
paint adorns the walls. There is an eat-
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the fresh air. The garden area is lush and
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and lovely landscaped yard. More
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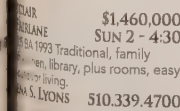


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3719 RHODA DR. SUN 2 - 4:30
3+ BR 2.5 BA Charming Mediterranean built
2000 sq. ft. Gourmet kitchen/
2+ baths, hwd. floor, 3
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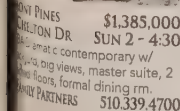
RICHMOND \$1,599,000
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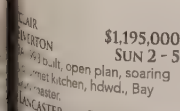
LAUREL \$1,495,000
HAPPY VALLEY RD. SUN 1 - 4
3+ BR 2.5 BA New Price! Country Colonial
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MONTICELLO DR. SUN 2 - 4:30
3+ BR 2.5 BA Large & updated w/ w/
hardwood floors, master suite, 2
baths, formal dining rm.
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LAUREL \$1,325,000
BAYVIEW DR. SUN 2 - 4:30
3+ BR 2.5 BA New construction w/ all the
Gourmet kit w/ SS, granite,
hardwood floor, DR. Master suite.
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views, gourmet kitchen w/ granite, SS
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3 BR 2 BA Cozy & Spacious at the same
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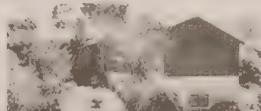
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50-year

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They say the loans do not cut the monthly bill by much. And the interest paid over the life of the loan is eye-popping.

For example, with a 30-year loan for \$275,000 set up as a five-year ARM at an interest rate of 6.58 percent, the monthly payment would be \$1,752.68, said Keith Gumbinger, vice president of HSH Associates, a mortgage-industry publisher in Pompton Plains, N.J.

Gumbinger assumes that such an ARM in a 50-year form would have an interest rate a quarter point higher.

So, at 6.83 percent, the monthly payment would be about \$1,618.95, a monthly cash-flow savings of about \$133.73, he said.

But the "guip" comes in the interest paid over the term of the loan. For the 30-year loan it would be \$87,826.66, he said. For the 50-year it would be about \$93,306.32.

The balance after five years would be about \$257,666 (with \$17,334.20 in equity) for the 30-year loan versus \$271,169.23 (with \$3,830.77 in equity) for the 50-year loan.

"So the \$133 cash-flow improvement (\$8,023.80 over five years) has cost you an additional \$5,479.66 in interest, leaving a 'real' benefit of just \$2,544 and change.

"That \$2,544 benefit has cost you \$13,503.43 in equity you haven't built," Gumbinger said.

But Diaz and others in the mortgage industry argue that given the changes in consumer behavior, the term of the loan has, in some ways, become irrelevant. Homeowners have come to expect an ongoing cycle of refinancing or moving and often do not keep loans longer than a few years.

"In California, it is not common to meet somebody who has lived in a house for 30 years," Diaz said. "Maybe in my parents' generation that was so, but I don't think the marketplace today does that."

Long-term mortgages also may be a bellwether of changing attitudes about credit, say consumer debt experts, who add that holding a mortgage until the house is paid for is a phenomenon that went out at the turn of this century.

John and Carolyn Roberts, for example, planned to renovate the Arlington Heights, Ill., house they bought in 2004 with an interest-only loan at 100 percent of the home's value. Renovation costs exceeded their expectations, however, and in March 2005, they switched from the interest-only loan to a 40-year loan with a rate that was fixed for two years and had smaller monthly payments.

"We went to a 40 to keep cash flow going," Roberts said. "It was a bridge loan."

They finished the renovation in January, and swapped the 40-year for a 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage.

"The mortgage market has changed drastically since I was a young man, when savings and loans would make the loan and collect principal and interest," said Roberts, who is 58. "In this day and age, they are selling the product and reselling it. Most homeowners never pay it off anyway."

And Roberts doubts that he will hang on to the 30-year loan until it is paid off.

"I'm thinking that in five years there may be a better product and I may refinance to get that," he said. "I have to think, closer to retirement, about cash flow."

Welsberg, of the Illinois Association of Mortgage Brokers, said more and more consumers recognize that they will not have one, and only one, mortgage over their lifetime. "There's clearly been a paradigm shift. Houses and real estate finance are disposable and interchangeable."

Part of that attitude change is due to the refinancing whirlwind fueled by low interest rates, said Robert Manning, research professor of consumer financial services at the Rochester Institute of Technology.

But it's also a sign of a generational shift, he said.

"There is so much more mobility in the job market now," Manning said. "It used to be you would get your reward by hanging in there for five to 10 years, so you were place-specific."

"But a lot of young people today know that the only way to get a bump in their salary is to move on to a new job," Manning said. "They are constantly in the job market, they have no idea how long they are going to be in one place and that's why ARMs are so appealing to them."

And consumers increasingly want to leverage their income into as many places as possible: homes, credit card debt, student loans, Gumbinger said.

There are lots of ways to go about it. In recent years lenders have opened the door to homeownership for many by rolling out a buffet of loan types that start with comparatively low payments.

To make those monthly hits more palatable, lenders lengthened terms. About a year ago 40-year loans became widely available al-

most immediately after Fannie Mae agreed to buy them from lenders, a seal of approval for mortgages. "Loans with 40-year terms now comprise about 5 percent of the marketplace," Gumbinger said.

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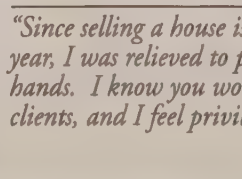
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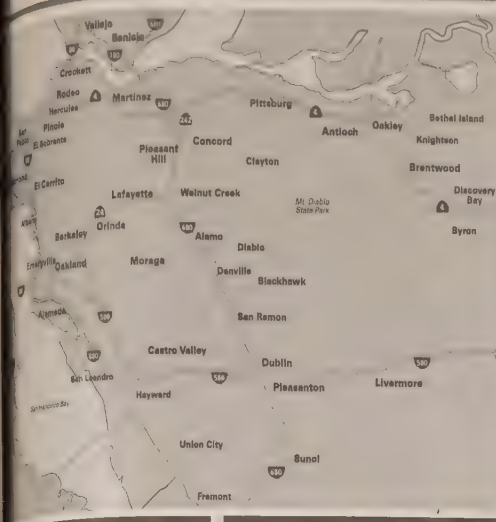
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\$869,000 Open Sun. 2-4:30 S. Parrott, Broker	228 Trinity Ave 3+BD/2BA 510-639-4737	
\$949,000 Open Sun. 1-4 Prudential	231 Kenyon Ave. 3bd/2ba 510-308-7775	Victoria Curtis
\$985,000 Open Sun. 2-4 Marvin Gardens R.E.	40 Cowper Ave 5bd/4ba 510-524-0800	Ron Egberman/Todd Hodson
\$3,000,000 Open Sun. 2-4 Jill Hacker Real Estate	44 Margarita Rd 5bd/5ba 415-386-4138	

Lafayette		
\$998,000 Open Sun 1-4 Caldwell Banker	686 Los Palos Drive 3BD/2.5BA 510-486-1495	Rita Zwerdling
\$1,800,000 Open Sunday 1-5pm Specific Properties	770 Tanglewood Dr. 6BD/6BA 925-280-1995	Agent Bob Locker
\$2,150,000 Open 1-4 Pacific Union Residential	3966 Quail Ridge Rd. 4+BD/2+BA 510-338-1379	Agent Steven Blasatti

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\$235,000 Open 2-4:30 Pacific Union Residential	150 Pearl Street #118 Studio 510-338-1307	Jeffrey Himmel
\$299,000 Open Sun 2-4 Lawton Associates	3310 Adeline St. 2BD/1BA 510-547-5970 x57	Mary Smartt
\$300,000+ Open Sat/Sun, 1-4pm Western Realty	2842 Adeline St. 650-271300/415-694-9066	R. Gallardo or M. Piffero
\$315,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 Wells & Bennett Realtors	500 Vernon Street #315 1BD/1BA 510-531-7000 x238	Patsy Buhler
\$325,000+ Open Sun. 2-4 Red Oak Realty	2201 West St #C LOFTS 510-280-2105	Sara Garabedian
\$325,000 Open Sun 2-4 Emeryville Border	3314 Adeline St. 2BD/1BA 510-547-5970 x57	Mary Smartt
\$335,000 Open Sun. 2-4 Prudential	3741 McClelland #B 1BD/-BA 510-986-9537	Debra Aiber
\$350,000 Open Sun. 2-4 Marvin Gardens	4121 E. 18th St. 2bd/1ba 510-527-9111	Jean Shrem/Marni Fischer
\$355,000 Open Sun. 2-4 Prudential	3741 McClelland #C 1BD/-BA 510-986-9537	Debra Aiber
\$359,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 Caldwell Banker	320 Lee St. #706 Adams Point 510-339-4700	Bonnie Ross
\$359,500 Open Sat-Sun 2-4:30 Dimond Realty	1711 Church St. 2BD/1BA 510-530-4991	Al Khaviti
\$363,000 Open Sun 1-4 Caldwell Banker	1 Kelton Court #6A 1BD/1BA 510-339-4700	James Brown
\$365,000 Sat/Sun 12-5 Elena Stone, R.E. Broker	1020 Jackson St. 1bd/1ba 510-433-6229	
\$375,000 Sat./Sun. 2-5 Prudential	933 42nd St. 1+bd/1ba 510-868-1400	Lillie Brady
\$389,000 Open Sun. 1-5 Prudential Montclair	1933 69th Ave. 2bd/1ba 510-339-9290	Michael Stephens
\$399,000 Sun 2-4 Kane & Associates	2407 Telegraph Ave. #506 1 BD/1 BA 510-213-0517	Kathae Walton
\$399,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 Caldwell Banker	388 Santa Clara Ave. #202 1+BD/1.5BA 510-339-4700	CJ Boydston
\$399,950 Open Sun. 1-4 Help-U-Sell East Bay	1521 54th Ave. 2 BD/1 BA 510-251-6000	Anthony Wright
\$399,950 Open Sun. 2-4 Prudential Grand Lake	2517 79th Ave 2bd/1ba 510-717-0529	David Lockett
\$410,000 Open Sun 2-4 Lawton Associates	3312 Adeline St. 2BD/1BA 510-547-5970 x57	Mary Smartt
\$419,000 Open Sun. 2-4 Red Oak Realty	320 51st St A & B 1bd/1ba 510-292-1019	Rebecca Nemeth
\$425,000 Open Sun 2-4 Lawton Associates	3316 Adeline St. 2BD/1BA 510-547-5970	Mary Smartt
\$448,000 Open Sun. 2-4:30 Prudential Montclair	2159 Rosedale Ave. 2bd/2ba 510-339-9290	Katie O'Shea
\$449,000 Open Sun. 1-4 Montclair Better Homes	3405 Helen #10 W. Oakland 510-339-4000	Sekel Chikami
\$450,000 Open Sun. 2-4:30 Prudential Montclair	3016 Florida St 2bd/-ba 510-339-9290	Mary Dresser
\$459,000 Open Sun. 2-4:30 Prudential Montclair	2520 E 28th Street 3bd/-ba 510-339-9290	Vince Moran
\$460,000 Sun. 2-4 Re/Max Executive	7333 Fresno St 3bd/1ba 510-636-9606	Wayne Wilkerson
\$469,000 Open Sun. 2-5 Prudential Grand Lake	4726 Melrose Ave. 2bd/1ba 510-333-7670	Pamela K. Sweeney
\$475,000 Open Sun 1-4 Windermere Real Estate	8033 Winthrop Street 2BD/2BA 510-521-1177	Peter Fletcher
\$479,000 Open Sun. 2-4:30 Montclair Better Homes	4257 Suter St 2bd/1ba 510-339-8400	David Sykes

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\$479,000	8367 Golf Links Road	2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-339-4700
Coldwell Banker	Karyn Selby Miller	
\$480,000	9345 & 9347 Peach St.	DUPLEX
Sun 12-5	2+BD/1 BA, 1 BD/1 BA	510-469-5495
Agent		
\$485,000	1 Lakeside Drive #1105	1BD/1BA
Open Sun 1-4		925-998-1069
Intero Real Estate Services	Janette Licata	
\$485,000	1 Lakeside Drive #213	1BD/1BA
Open Sun 1-4		925-998-1069
Intero Real Estate Services	Janette Licata	
\$485,000	585 9th St. #428	1bd/1ba
Open Sun 2-4		510-292-2006
Red Oak Realty	Elena & Cherie	
\$485,000	622 Alcatraz Ave. #A	3bd/1ba
Open Sun 2-4		510-339-4000
Red Oak Realty	Marjorie Sperber	
\$495,000	626 Alcatraz Ave. #D	3bd/1ba
Open Sun 2-4		510-260-2161
Red Oak Realty	Marjorie Sperber	
\$499,000	240 Caldecott Lane, #118	2BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	Oakland Hills	510-339-0400
The Grubb Co.	Judith Cain	
\$499,000	25 Rio Vista Ave	2bd/1ba
Open Sun 2-4	Piedmont Ave.	510-917-6497
Thornwall Properties	Kathryn Hill	
\$499,000	2607 Kingsland Ave	2bd/1ba
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-280-2187
Red Oak Realty	Nedda Cheung	
\$499,000	373 40th St. #3	1+bd/1+ba
Open Sun 2-4		510-524-9888x26
Berkeley Hills R.E.	Norah Brewer	
\$499,000	492 Staten Avenue	1BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4		510-339-8900
Alain Pinel Realtors	Andrea Gordon	
\$499,000	5185 Trask St	2+bd/1ba
Sun 2-4:30	Maxwell Park	510-339-4000
Prudential Montclair	Vikki Landes	
\$499,000	8342 Noy Ave	3bd/1ba
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-339-8400
Montclair Better Homes	Wilbert Ross Jr	
\$509,000	3632 Lyon Ave.	3 BD/1.5 BA
Sat 1-4	Boulevard Park	510-251-6000
Help-U-Sell East Bay	Anthony Wright	
\$509,000	882 46th St.	2bd/1ba
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-280-2166
Red Oak Realty	Julie Cuevas	
\$515,000	1801 E. 24th St.	2bd/1ba
Open Sun 2-4		510-280-2121
Red Oak Realty	Mark Lederer	
\$520,000	615 62nd St	2bd/1ba
Open Sat/Sun 2-4	No. Oakland	510-318-2336
Prudential Grand Lake	Ming Zhou	
\$529,000	295 Lenox Ave #206	2bd/2ba
Open Sun 2-4:30	Adams Pt	510-595-7699
Keller Williams	Dave Higgins	
\$529,000	3133 Minna Ave.	DUPLEX
Sun 2-4:30	Two 1 Bd Units	510-821-4040
Alameda Realty	Chris Price	
\$535,000	6906 Outlook Ave	4bd/2ba
Open Sun 1-5	Millmont	510-339-8301
Prudential Claremont	Laurel Strand	
\$539,000	5627 Morse Dr	3bd/2ba
Open Sun 2-4:30	Maxwell Park	510-339-8400
Montclair Better Homes	Rosie Nysaether	
\$545,000	1020 Jackson St.	2bd/2ba
Sat/Sun 12-5	Downtown	510-435-6229
Elena Stone, R.E. Broker		
\$545,000	3718 Columbian Dr.	2 BD/1 BA
Sun 2-5	King Estates	510-748-1168
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	Kirk Knight	
\$549,000	3625 Harbor View	2BD/1BA
Sat/Sun 2-4:30	Redwood Heights	510-338-1304
Pacific Union Residential	Dan Joy	
\$549,000	3738 Laguna Ave.	2 BD/1 BA
Sat & Sun 2-5	Lower Lincoln Heights	510-482-8929
FSBO, HOA	Owner, Paulette	
\$549,000	4526 Pampas Ave	3bd/1ba
Open Sun 2-4:30	Laurel Upper	510-339-8400
Montclair Better Homes	Nader Davari	
\$549,500	3701 Midvale Ave	2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	Laurel	510-451-7317 x18
Valva Realty Co.	Mike Bresso	
\$549,888	2045-2047 20th Ave	4bd/2ba
Open Sun 2-4	San Antonio Park	925-408-5457
Keller Williams	Calina Kung	
\$550,000	3920 Enos Avenue	2BD/1BA
Open 2-4:30	Laurel	510-338-1309
Pacific Union Residential	Lee Jacobson	
\$550,000	864 Arlington Ave.	Duplex
Open Sun 2-4:30	North Oakland	510-986-9553
Prudential Claremont	Barbara Hopper	
\$559,000	1673 Miami Ct	2bd/1ba
Open Sun 2-4		510-280-2126
Red Oak Realty	Leif Jensen	
\$559,000	1726 19th Ave	4bd/2ba
Open Sun 2-4		510-717-2215
Red Oak Realty	Dianne Arancibia	
\$569,000	3719 Rhoda Avenue	2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	Laurel	510-339-4700
Coldwell Banker	Becky Andersen	

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\$560,000	3133 Curran Avenue	2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	Fruitvale	530-531-7000 x232
Wells & Bennett Realtors	Carol Robbiano	
\$565,000	6217 Thornhill Dr	2bd/1ba
Open Sun 1-5	Montclair	510-339-8301
Prudential Claremont	Laurel Strand	
\$569,000	3116 Adeline St. #101	LOFT
Open Sun 2-4		510-292-2033
Red Oak Realty	Dean Wagley	
\$569,000	3941 Coolidge Avenue	2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	Dimond	510-339-4700
Coldwell Banker	Vicky Faulk	
\$569,000	585 9th St #307	2bd/2ba
Open Sun 1-4	Downtown Oakland	510-868-1400
Prudential Berkeley	Jake McTigue	
\$575,000	1767 Brandon	2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	Piedmont Avenue	510-338-1316
Pacific Union Residential	Joan Dark	
\$575,000	201 4th St. #306	2bd/2ba
Sat./Sun. 1:30-4	Jack London Sq.	510-868-1547
Prudential	Maria Cavallo-Merrion	
\$575,000	2917 Coolidge Ave	4bd/2ba
Open Sun 2-5	Fruitvale/Laurel	510-472-7190
Prudential	John Wertheimer	
\$575,000	3264 Madera Ave	3+BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	Maxwell Park	510-451-7317 x16
Valva Realty Co.	Cecil Reeves	
\$579,000	6233 Laird Ave.	4bd/2ba
Open Sun 2-4		510-280-2158
Red Oak Realty	Jose Fernandez	
\$579,000	7949 Greenly Drive	2BD/2BA
Open Sun 1-4		510-899-8000
Alain Pinel Realtors	Lydia Puller	
\$580,000	3115 Texas St	3bd/2ba
Open Sun 2-4:30	Laurel	510-339-9290
Prudential Montclair	Mary Dresser	
\$589,950	3948 Fruitvale Ave.	2 BD/1 BA
Sun 2-4	Dimond District	510-251-6000
Help-U-Sell East Bay	Anthony Wright	
\$599,000	1 Lakeside Dr	2bd/2ba
Open Sun 2-4:30	Lake Merritt	510-339-9290
Prudential Montclair	Mary Dresser	
\$599,000	2809 Frye Street	2+BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	Lincoln Heights	510-339-4700
Coldwell Banker	Karyn Selby Miller	
\$599,000	4187 Emerald Street	3BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4		510-339-8900
Alain Pinel Realtors	Mary Burns	
\$599,000	466 Crescent St. #401	3bd/2ba
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-595-7699
Keller Williams	Dave Higgins	
\$599,000	5455-57 MacArthur Blvd	DUPLEX
Open Sun 2-4:30	Millmont	510-339-8400
Montclair Better Homes	Sue Caro	
\$605,000	1371 Holman	2BD/1BA
Open 2-4:30	Crocker Highlands	510-338-1364
Pacific Union GMAC	Dolores Thom	
\$609,000	486 Cheney Avenue	3BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	Grand Lake	510-339-0400
The Grubb Co.	Judith Cain	
\$619,000	1866 Pleasant Valley	2bd/1ba
Open Sun 2-4:30	Piedmont Ave	510-731-0154
Prudential Landmark	Phil Fair	
\$638,000	6438 Ascot Drive	2BD/1.5BA
Open Sun 2-4		510-339-8900
Alain Pinel Realtors	Jake Nomura-Weingrow	
\$639,000	1 Lakeside #212	2BD/2BA
Open 2-4:30		510-338-1385
Pacific Union Residential	Jeffrey Neideman	
\$639,000	27 Shadow Mountain	3BD/2.5BA
Sun 2-4	Sequoian Heights	510-748-1120
Gallagher & Lindsey	Evelyn Kennedy	
\$639,000	4751 Fair	2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	Oakland Hills	510-531-7000 x235
Wells & Bennett Realtors	Frank Hennefer	
\$640,000	3161 Middleton Street	3BD/1BA
Open Sun 1-4		415-309-6200
Empire Realty Associates	P. Scott Rogers	
\$645,000	1397 Barrows Road	2BD/1BA
Open 2-4:30	Crocker Highlands	510-338-1378
Pacific Union Residential	Jackie Care	
\$649,000	149 Thousand Oaks St.	3BD/2.5BA
Open Sun 2-4		510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker	Warren Lei	
\$649,000	311 Oak St. PH7	2BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-5	Jack London Sq.	510-708-8148
Pacific Union Residential	Dana Dworin	
\$649,000	565 Bellevue #2106	2BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-5	Lake Merritt	510-409-9503
Anthony Associates	Dave Murphy	
\$649,000	6301 Pinehaven	2BD/1BA
Open 2-4:30	Montclair	510-338-1303
Pacific Union Residential	Wendy Ferrari	
\$650,000	2017 12th Ave.	2+bd/2ba
Sat./Sun. 2-5		510-986-9543
Prudential	Natalie Cutler	
\$650,000	3809 Ardley Ave.	2bd/1ba
Sat./Sun. 2-4:30	Glenview	510-339-8400
Montclair Better Homes	Beatrix Kasten	
\$659,000	3838 La Cresta Avenue	2+BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	Glenview	510-452-2133
The Grubb Co.	Jennifer Fickenschier	

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\$659,000	4407 Bennett Place	2+BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-5	Redwood Heights	510-339-4700
Coldwell Banker	Barbara Hardacre	
\$667,000	3962 Forest Hill Ave	2+bd/1ba
Sat./Sun. 2-5	Lower Oakmore	510-517-8443
Prudential Grand Lake	Patti Venable	
\$669,000	1819 Gouldin	2+bd/2ba
Open Sun 2-5	Montclair	510-428-0900
Prudential Piedmont	Vickie & Aleso	
\$675,000	226 29th Street	2bd/1ba
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-339-8400
Montclair Better Homes	Nahid Nassiri	
\$679,000	2451 Alida St	4bd/2ba
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-339-8400
Montclair Better Homes	Patricia Bennett	
\$679,000	4127 Waterhouse Rd.	2+bd/1ba
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-339-8400
Montclair Better Homes	Patricia Bennett	
\$685,000	6072 Valley View Dr	3bd/2+ba
Open Sun 1-5	Montclair	510-339-8301
Prudential Claremont	Laurel Strand	
\$689,000	4058 Whittle	4bd/2ba
Sun 2-4	Upper Dimond	510-868-1400
Prudential	Lillie Brady	
\$690,000	7749 Sunkist	4+bd/3ba
Open Sun 2-4:30	Millmont	510-339-9290
Prudential Montclair	Mary Dresser	
\$695,000+	41st St. and Shafter Ave.	3 BD/3.5 BA
Sun 1-5	Temescal Station	510-238-9111 x12
Ellwood Commercial RE	Barbara Kami	
\$699,000	3336 Martin Luther King Jr. Wy	Triplex
By Appt.		510-327-7253
Prudential El Sobrante	Ray Smith	
\$699,000	958-60 Bayview Avenue	Duplex
Open Sun 2-4		510-339-8900
Alain Pinel Realtors	Andrea Gordon	
\$699,925	888 61st Street	4 BD/2 BA
Sun 2-4	North Oakland	510-530-9494
Century 21 Anchor	Lula Flowers	
\$710,000	7481 Woodrow Drive	2+BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	Montclair	510-531-7000 x232
Wells & Bennett Realtors	Tracy Butler	
\$715,000	1770 Arrowhead Dr	3+bd/2ba
Open Sun 1-5	Montclair	510-339-8301
Prudential Claremont	Laurel Strand	
\$725,000	1075 E 33rd St	5+BD/2 BA
Sun 2-4	Bella Vista Hill	510-748-1148
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	Pactia Dimacali	
\$725,000	3658 Virden Ave	4bd/2ba
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-339-4000
Montclair Better Homes	Robert Scott	
\$729,000	4116-4118 Emerald St	Duplex
Open Sun 2-5	Temescal	510-339-9290
Prudential Montclair	Lisa Friedman	
\$735,000	4548 Fieldbrook	4bd/2ba
Sun 2-4:30	Laurel Heights	510-526-5720
La Maison	Monica Rohrer	
\$739,000	4641 Geranium Pl	3bd/1.5ba
Open Sun 2-4:30	Redwood Heights	510-409-7590
Prudential	Karen Ruth	
\$739,000	6463 Melville Dr	4bd/2ba
Open Sun 1-5	Montclair	510-339-8301
Prudential Claremont	Laurel Strand	
\$745,000	255 Lee Street	3BD/2.5BA
Open Sun 2-4:30	Adams Point	510-531-7000
Wells & Bennett Realtors	P. Buhler/K. Kennedy	
\$749,000	3567 Redwood Road	3BD/1+BA
Open 2-4:30	Redwood Heights	510-338-1352
Pacific Union Residential	Diane E. McCan	
\$749,000	3844 Lyman Road	4bd/3ba
Sun 2-5	Dimond District	510-834-2010
Prudential Grand Lake	Truc Van	
\$749,000	3965 Turnley Avenue	3BD/2+BA
Open Sun 2-5	Sequoiah Hts.	510-339-4700
Coldwell Banker	Donna Conroy	

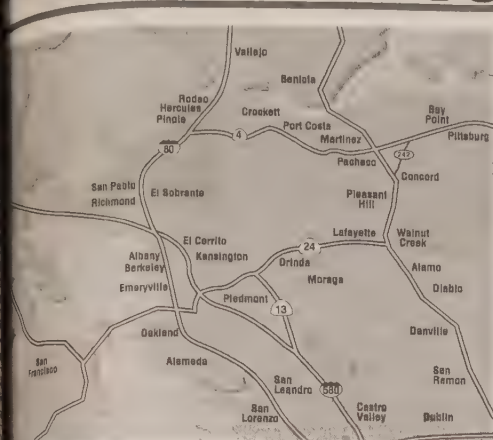
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Place Heights	2+BD/1BA	510-339-4700
Barbara Hardacre		
2 Hill Ave	2+bd/1ba	
Rockmore	510-517-8443	
	Patti Venues	
Woolfin	2+bd/2ba	
clair	510-428-0900	
	Vickie & Ales	
Street	2bd/1ba	
	510-339-8400	
	Nahid Nassar	
Ida St	4bd/2ba	
	510-339-8400	
	Patricia Bennett	
House Rd.	2+bd/1ba	
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y View Dr	3bd/2+ba	
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	Laurel Strand	
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	Mary Dresser	
Shafter Ave	3 BD/3.5 BA	
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ther King Jr. Wy	Triplex	
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	Ray Smith	
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	510-339-8900	
	Andrea Gordon	
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	Lula Flowers	
row Drive	2+BD/2+BA	
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	Tracy Butler	
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clair	510-339-8301	
	Laurel Strand	
St.	5+BD/2 BA	
Hill	510-746-1148	
	Pacita Dimacall	
den Ave	4bd/2ba	
	510-339-4000	
	Robert Scott	
Emerald St	Duplex	
clair	510-339-9290	
	Lisa Friedman	
ldbrook	4bd/2ba	
Heights	510-526-5752	
	Monica Roher	
anium Pl	3bd/1.5ba	
od Heights	510-409-7590	
	Karen Ruth	
hville Dr	4bd/2ba	
clair	510-339-8301	
	Laurel Strand	
Street	3BD/2.5BA	
Point	510-338-1364	
	P. Butler/K. Kennedy	
wood Road	3BD/1+BA	
Heights	510-338-1353	
	Diane E. McCar	
nan Road	4bd/3ba	
Dist District	510-834-2010	
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ey Avenue	3BD/2+BA	
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14 Chancellor Pl Claremont Hills Ganice Morgan-Austin	4bd/3ba 510-339-4000	
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5234 Cochran Ave. Upper Rockridge Agent David Ichikawa	3+BD/2++BA 510-338-1331	
5586 Bacon Oakland Hills D. Cohen/S. Klemmer	4+BD/4BA 510-338-1308/1314	
6839 Elvert Drive Montclair David Eckert	5BD/4.5BA 510-339-4700	
7075 Skyline Blvd Montclair Mark P. Choi	4++bd/5+ba 510-381-1116	
5935 Manchester Dr. Upper Rockridge Agent Francis Heath	4++BD/4++BA 510-338-1357	

Piedmont		
\$1,150,000 Open Sun. 1:30-4 Montclair Better Homes	1150 Winsor Ave 3bd/1.5ba 925-683-8817 Jim Mohr	
\$1,189,000 Open Sun. 2-4:30 Prudential	505 Scenic 4bd/3ba 510-428-0900 Scott Thompson	
\$1,195,000 Sun. 1-4 Prudential Piedmont	21 Bonita Ave 3+bd/2.5ba 510-428-0900 Cunningham Team	
\$1,200,000 Open Sun. 2-5 Prudential Claremont	250 Estates Dr 3+bd/3ba 510-645-0211 Ted/Rita	
\$1,225,000 The Grubb Co.	40 Prospect Road 4BD/2.5BA 510-339-0400 Karen Starr	
\$1,385,000 Open Sun. 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	142 Arbor Drive 4BD/2BA 510-339-0400 Carol Brown	
\$1,445,000 Open Sun. 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	114 Alta Avenue 4BD/3BA 510-339-0400 Hope Broderick	
\$1,850,000 Open Sun. 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	334 Wildwood Avenue 4BD/3+BA 510-339-0400 Steve Michaelides	
\$1,889,000 Open Sun. 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	325 Hampton Road 3+BD/3+BA 510-339-0400 Tricia Swift	
\$1,895,000 Open Sun. 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	8 Langdon Court 3+BD/4BA 510-339-0400 Linda McClain	
\$3,500,000 Open Sun. 2-4:30 Prudential Montclair	55 Cambrian Ave 6bd/5ba 510-339-9290 George Milliron	
Pinole		
\$619,900 Open Sun. 2-4 Red Oak Realty	1989 Shea Dr 4bd/2ba 510-280-2144 Cindy Wilson	
Pleasant Hill		
\$839,000 Open 11-5 Pacific Union Residential	113 Hazeltine Circle 4BD/2+BA 925-618-6412 Terilyn Medrano	
\$949,000 Open Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors	105 Pleasant View Drive 3+BD/3BA 510-899-8000 Sarah Schisler	
\$949,000 Open Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors	105 Pleasant View Drive 3+BD/3BA 510-899-8000 Sarah Schisler	
Point Richmond		
\$1,599,000 Open Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker	518 Grandview Court 3BD/2.5BA 510-486-1495 Nancy Copeland	

Richmond		
\$399,950 Open Sun. 2-4 Security Pacific R.E.	5126 Prather 2bd/1ba 510-662-8469 Gerl Stern	
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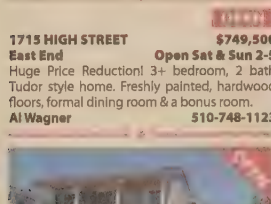
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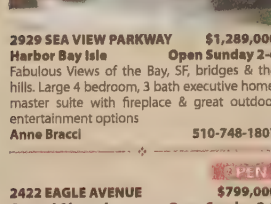
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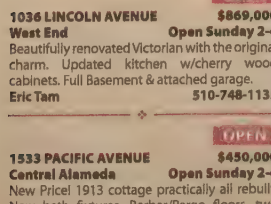
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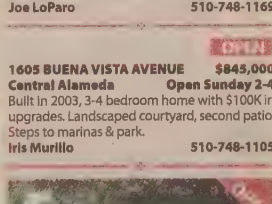
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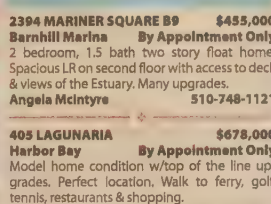
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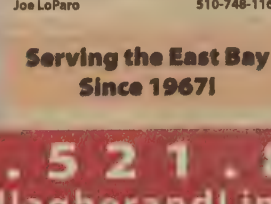
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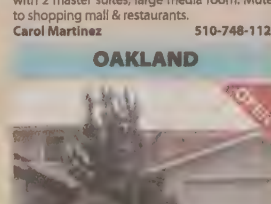
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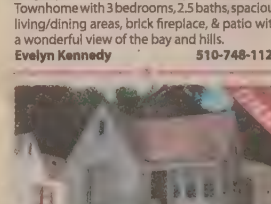
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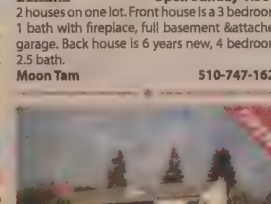
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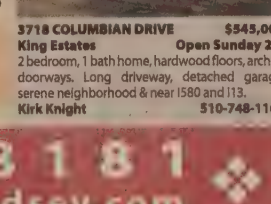
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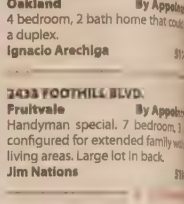
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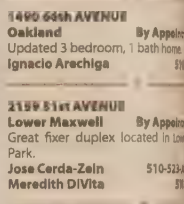
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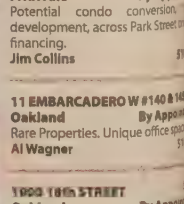
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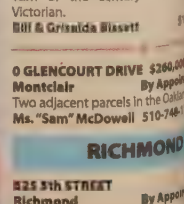
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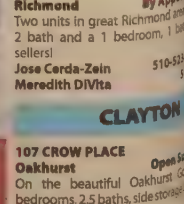
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Section C



MIKE MCGREEHAN
Staff writer

PCL reunion great event

AN ERA of show-biz sports, multi-millionaire athletes and performance-enhancing drugs, many of us are easy to look at the past through rose-colored glasses. Perhaps it is through those glasses that we look at baseball's Pacific Coast League before the arrival of the Giants and Dodgers in 1958.

Saturdays ago — Aug. 19 — the PCL Historical Society held its annual reunion at the Oakland Museum. As always, the event was a fun, enjoyable and informative.

As usual, those attending came to see and buy, including books detailing league history. Slide shows and film also highlighted the day. The latter was a long-running 1996 Vancouver postgame show featuring manager Lefty O'Doul.

Mounties, for those not familiar with yesteryear's PCL, were the Oakland Oaks from 1903-55.

Most priceless of all, as always, were the recollections of former players themselves. A younger generation of fans might recognize Murphy as the voice of third sports. Those steeped in history also recall him as pitcher for the Oakland Oaks in the 1950s. During a discussion, Murphy

of a game in Los Angeles this inside pitch to PCL Hall of Famer Gene Mauch presented a brawl with the An-



SHERRY LAVARS/STAFF

KENNY SALYER, an ex-El Cerrito High School baseball star, has come back from Tommy John surgery in 2003 and is looking forward to his senior year at San Francisco State.

All the way back

Salyer excited about his future after overcoming elbow woes



JOE REED/FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

KENNY SALYER had two saves in 10 pitching appearances for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Baseball Grays this summer.

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

It's been a long journey back to the mound for El Cerrito High School graduate Kenny Salyer.

The 6-foot-1 lefthanded pitcher had Tommy John surgery in December, 2003, and threw his first pitch at a practice six months later. He didn't pitch many innings until July 15, 2005.

It appears that Salyer's injury woes are behind him. This summer, Salyer had a positive experience with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Gray squad, and looks forward to his senior season at San Francisco State.

"I had to be real patient," said Salyer about his rehabilitation from the surgery. "It was a long process. I had a lot of support."

As an El Cerrito senior in 2002, Salyer had a 6-4 record for the Gauchos and competed in the summer for the California squad in the All-Star Sunbelt Classic Baseball Series in Shawnee, Okla. After redshirting his first year at San Jose State, he suffered a partial tear of the ulnar collateral ligament of his left el-

bow in June, 2003, then felt another snap in his left elbow during a pitch in the fall of 2003, Salyer said.

"It hurt so bad. Pain shot up my arm. I threw the ball in the dirt and nailed my coach," Salyer said. "When I asked my coaches what to do, they said pitch as pain permits. I kept pitching for two to three more weeks until I shut it down."

The surgery in December began a long healing process.

"(Before the surgery), I had nightmares about what my scar would look like," Salyer said. "I had come into surgery in great shape, and I lost a lot of that. I had no range of motion."

He threw his next pitch on July 1, 2004.

"The first day was the most depressing thing I've experienced. I didn't know where the ball was going," Salyer said.

Salyer said he pitched sparingly in fall ball for San Jose State in 2004, but his real return to competition was in the summer of 2005. A turning point in

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CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE

JERE' SUMMERS competed in the discus and shot put at the World Junior Track and Field Championships in Beijing.

Trip was great, but not the results

Summers gets to walk on the Great Wall of China, but she doesn't reach the finals in world junior track

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

On her first trip out of North America, one of Berkeley High School graduate Jere' Summers' vivid memories from her recent visit to Beijing, China, is a walk.

A very long walk.

"We went to the Great Wall. I did it two days before the (women's shot put qualifying competition at the International Association of Athletics Federations World Junior Track & Field Championships), and I walked one-and-a-half hours before I turned back. I shouldn't have done that. I wanted to go up and keep going up," Summers said.

Unfortunately for the incoming Cal State Northridge sophomore, she was not able to walk into the finals in either the shot put or the discus. She finished ninth in her heat of the shot put

"I didn't compete well. ... We practiced in a whole other facility. Usually we test out a ring before competition, but we weren't allowed to go to the competition ring until actual competition time."

— Jere' Summers

on Aug. 15 with a best mark of 47 feet, ¾ inches, achieved on her first attempt. On Friday, she was seventh in her heat of the discus with a best mark of 150-9, achieved on her third attempt. The marks were well off her personal records of 51-5½ and 160-7 respectively.

"I didn't compete well. I guess it was the three throws. I usually

get three final throws, but it was just the three (qualifying) throws," Summers said. "We practiced in a whole other facility. Usually we test out a ring before competition, but we weren't allowed to go to the competition ring until actual competition time."

Summers also said that she was working on the discus technique of keeping both her arms level with the discus.

"I knew going into this meet that I needed to test this," Summers said.

There was no lack of excitement about the meet in Beijing, according to Summers.

"The city was really track town. There were track banners everywhere. They even played the track meet on the buses (on television). It was broadcast live," Summers said.

Summers qualified for the IAAF World Junior Championships when she finished second in both the shot put and discus at the USA Junior Outdoor Track & Field Championships in Indianapolis in June.

NOW PLAYING

"THE BULLY" (R) Despite star wattage (Roberts, Maryl Streep), "Ant Bully" as just another dotish, colorful animated film ("Over the Hedge," "Monster House"). But the message about teamwork... (PG: mild drug humor, action) 1 hour, 30 minutes. C

"ACCEPTED" If you're into snap shorts, you can write off "Accepted" as just another dotish, colorful comedy. But there's a quality to the directing and editing and a star who just isn't long. And that makes it worth watching. The clue to why it might be is in the credits — director Steve Pink's screenwriting credits include "High Fidelity" and "Grosse Pointe Blank." — R. Moore. (PG-13: language, sexual material and drug use) 1 hour, 30 minutes. C+

"BARNYARD" Farm animals come to life, change the barn into a singing and dancing the night when humans aren't around, and when humans are, they're likely to have issues with them. For example, writer/director John Cusack apparently thinks he came in both genders. But the movie is about peewee eat. — J. Moore. (PG: mild peril and rude humor) 1 hour, 23 minutes. C

"BOYNTON BEACH CLUB" Frisky something residents of a Florida beach community are determined to find love. Sally Kellerman, a blond, flashing her crocodile grin; Lynn Collins, maniacally perky about her curves, are definitely the Golden Girls. "Boynton Beach" is a colorful fantasy of aging. You will enjoy the bittersweet performances by an ensemble including Joseph Bologna, Michael and Renee Taylor. — S. Holden. (PG: sexual situations, language) 1 hour, 44 minutes. B+

"THE BRIDESMAID" Filmmaker Jane Campion takes up a sharp insight and directs it at one of his wife's weddings — the family. At his wife's wedding, a young man, who is swept off his feet by a young bride. The film has a vague sense of humor that is itself a red herring. You wait for something to happen, but it doesn't necessarily happen. The important thing is happening in the life of you, in the family members' lives with one another. — M. Moore. (NR: In French, with English subtitles) 1 hour, 50 minutes. B+

"BRICK" Kevin Smith revisits the duo of Randall and Dante 10 years later, now working for a fictional ad agency called Mooby's. Yes, the

humor is crass and offensive, but worse than that — for fans, anyway — Smith has made something sweet. Lose the urine-laced sodas and donkey in black leather and you have a love story. — M. Pols. (R: crude language and humor, sexual dialogue and situations) 1 hour, 38 minutes. C+

"CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHER WOMEN" A beautifully acted and written little movie in the spirit of "Before Sunset." An unnamed man (Aaron Eckhart) and woman (Helen Mirren) meet at a wedding and sparks fly. Turns out they have history. Director Hans Canosa shot the film in dual frame, and that's how we see it. Instead of being distracting, this gives us an opportunity to feel what both characters are feeling, simultaneously, as they make tough choices. — M. Pols. (R: language and sexual content) 1 hour, 24 minutes. A-

"THE DESCENT" This tale of six women trapped in a cave with unknown bogeymen is a solid thriller and terrific horror experience. It's as spooky and claustrophobic as any good movie set among spelunkers should be. — R. Moore. (R: strong violence, gore, language) 1 hour, 30 minutes. B+

"HOUSE OF SAND" A pregnant young woman and her mother are stranded in the desert. Brazilian director Andrucha Waddington's exquisitely beautiful film unfolds over three generations, spanning nearly a century during which the world is completely transformed, though the women never know it. Screenwriter Elena Soarez weaves a lyrical narrative about isolation and time that recalls great space allegories such as "2001: A Space Odyssey" and "The Little Prince." — C. Chocano. (R: graphic sexuality; in Portuguese with English subtitles) 2 hours, 6 minutes. A

"AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH" Al Gore's PowerPoint presentation on global warming sounds like it might be a snoozer, but it's actually a frightening wake-up call. Too bad the documentary focuses only on Gore, rarely opening the issue up for others to voice their support. — R. Myers. (PG: mild thematic elements.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. B

"THE ILLUSIONIST" Edward Norton plays a master magician in turn-of-the-century Vienna, and he's so good you almost believe he can make an orange tree grow from a seed in less than a minute. Jessica Biel is the newswoman he loves, Rufus Sewell his old nemesis, and Paul Giamatti a detective but, more important, the only other actor on screen who can hold his own against Norton the Magician. Together, they elevate the ma-

terial, which is good but not great. — M. Pols. (PG-13: for some sexuality and violence.) 1 hour, 49 minutes. B

"LADY IN THE WATER" Director M. Night Shyamalan ("The Sixth Sense") asks viewers to make like children and believe in this fairy tale about a water-nymph called a "hart" and evil creatures called "scrums" — who show up at a low-rent apartment building. A lovely, sincere movie with a nice message about magic and the power of community. With Bryce Dallas Howard and Paul Giamatti. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some frightening sequences.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. B

"LEONARD COHEN I'M YOUR MAN" If you're at all a Cohen fan, you must see this movie, built around the 2005 "Come So Far for Beauty" tribute concert at the Sydney Opera House. Along with performances are excerpts from an interview with Cohen. — B. Strauss. (PG-13: language) 1 hour, 44 minutes. B

"LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE" An alienated family — deluded and egotistical father, frustrated mother, suicidal uncle, anarchist son and drug-abusing grandfather — come together during a two-day road trip to a beauty pageant for little girls. A top-notch ensemble cast is led by Greg Kinnear and Steve Carell. — M. Pols. (R: some language, sex and drug content.) 1 hour, 41 minutes. A-

"LOWER CITY" Boyhood friends share a prostitute (Alice Braga) and both young men fall in love with her. In such triangles, typically someone gets shut out, but this Brazilian film suggests a more complex narrative, one in which all three parties are needed to make a whole. Although evocative and sensual, the movie neither convinces us of the depth of the love affair or the need for everyone to live happily ever after, together. — M. Pols. (R: strong sexual content, nudity, language, some violence and drug use) 1 hour, 37 minutes. B-

"MATERIAL GIRLS" Martha Coolidge's "Material Girls" is a superficial "teen comedy that mocks celebrities such as the Olsen twins while simultaneously pushing stars Hilary and Haylie Duff as their replacements. The Duff sisters play wealthy, spoiled siblings who have to clear the family name when their father's cosmetics company falls under a cloud of suspicion. Coolidge made a better movie on similar subject matter with her 1993 film "Valley Girl." — E. Weitzman. (PG: language.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. D

"MONSTER HOUSE" This animated feature — about a dilapidated neighborhood house that supposedly eats

people — manages the right balance of kiddie, sophomore and grown-up humor. Voiced by Maggie Gyllenhaal and Jason Lee. — P. Wuntch. (PG: intense moments, mild sexual references.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. B

"THE NIGHT LISTENER" Lonely radio personality Gabriel Noone (Robin Williams) makes a new friend, Pete, a teenager who has written a memoir about incest and sexual abuse. But then questions arise as to whether Pete is real, or like Jai LeRoy, a construct of his surrogate mother (Toni Collette). This psychological thriller is intriguing and well played, and thanks to Collette's performance, thoroughly chilling. — M. Pols. (R: for some language and disquieting sexual content.) 1 hour, 29 minutes. B

"THE OH IN OHIO" Parker Posey stars as a woman fulfilled by her job but not much else. She's forced to confront her frigidity when her sad-sack husband (a bitterly funny Paul Rudd) issues an ultimatum. Danny DeVito gives a sweet, tender performance as a swimming pool salesman, but the movie is plagued by distasteful humor, and ultimately we are embarrassed for Posey who has far too many scenes with battery-operated devices. — M. Pols. (Not rated.) 1 hour, 28 minutes. C

"PULSE" This is the remake of a 2001 Japanese film that was derivative and pokey, even before Hollywood got its hands on it. Wes Craven was brought in to adapt the script, and he tries but fails to join some life into this tale of college kids who have the life sucked out of them after stumbling into a computer program. — R. Moore. (PG-13: intense sequences of sci-fi terror, disturbing images, language, sensuality and thematic material.) 1 hour, 27 minutes. D

"QUINCEANERA" This portrait of a Mexican-American family in Los Angeles is as smart and warm-hearted as an exploration of upwardly mobile immigrant culture as American independent cinema has produced. A family is rocked when 14-year-old Magdalena (Emily Rios), who dreams of an extravagant quinceanera, gets pregnant and her father throws her out of the house. — S. Holden. (R: sexual situations, some strong language.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. B+

"A SCANNER DARKLY" Director Richard Linklater transforms Philip K. Dick's 1955 novel into a sad and darkly humorous film that marries live photography with animation, much like the filmmaker's "Waking Life." Keanu Reeves, Robert Downey Jr., Winona Ryder and Rory Cochrane (who is exceptional) star. — R. Myers.

OPENING TODAY

"BEERFEST" (R) After suffering a major defeat in a German chugging contest, an American "team" of drinkers makes a rebound bid the next year, hoping to win at an annual Oktoberfest "Beerfest" contest. From the makers of the comedy "Super Troopers." 1 hour, 29 minutes. C

"FACTOTUM" (R) Matt Dillon plays an unpublished writer who takes odd jobs in factories and warehouses in order to support his habits of drinking and betting on horses. Based on Charles Bukowski's novel. 1 hour, 29 minutes. C

"GABRIELLE" (NR) A portrait of a crumbling marriage, set in turn-of-the-century Paris. Isabelle Huppert stars as the unhappy wife and Pascal Greggory as her complacent husband. Based on a story by Joseph Conrad. 1 hour, 29 minutes. C

"THE GROOMSMEN" (R) In the latest comedy from Ed Burns, on the eve of his marriage to his pregnant girlfriend (Brittany Murphy), a groom (Burns) hangs out with his four best friends. With Donal Logue, John Leguizamo and Jay Mohr. 1 hour, 28 minutes. C

"HALF NELSON" (R) Ryan Gosling plays an inner-city teacher with inspiring teaching methods and a secret drug habit. When one of his fa-

vorite students (Shareeka Epps) catches him smoking crack, they develop an unusual friendship. 1 hour, 29 minutes. C

"HOW TO EAT FRIED WORMS" (PG) On the first day of a new school year, a fifth-grader challenges the class bully and ends up facing a dare that could change the power dynamic in the class for good. From the director of "The Bangers Sisters." 1 hour, 29 minutes. C

"IDLEWILD" (R) Two nightclub performers at a 1930s speakeasy in the South struggle to make it. Their story is told through musical numbers and dance sequences. Starring Outkast members Andre Benjamin and Antwan Patton, as well as Terrence Howard and Ving Rhames. 1 hour, 29 minutes. C

"INVINCIBLE" (PG) A substitute teacher and hard-core Philadelphia Eagles fan (Mark Wahlberg) gets his big break when he attends an open tryout for the team and makes it. Based on a true story from the 1970s. 1 hour, 29 minutes. C

"LUNACY" (NR) In 19th century France, a young man has recurring nightmares about being locked up in an insane asylum. A philosophical horror story based on the works of Edgar Allan Poe and the Marquis de Sade, directed by Czech director Jan Svankmajer. 1 hour, 29 minutes. C

(R: drug and sexual content, language and a brief violent image.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. B-

"SCOOP" Woody Allen enjoyed working with Scarlett Johansson ("Match Point") so much, he wrote a new movie for her. Like "Match Point," this film is set in London and revolves around murder, but that's where the similarities end. "Scoop" is as light as a feather and playful in that classic early Allen style. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some sexual content.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. A-

"SNAKES ON A PLANE" You expect sensation and nothing but. And the cheesier the story the better. That's what bloggers who turned the movie's title into a cult phenomenon demanded; and that's more vicious, sex and 12-letter epithetic expressions of dismay. What they get is "The Jerry Springer Show" in the sky with snakes. Within the confines of its tiny metal universe, the story (snakes are released on a plane that is carrying a surfer who witnessed a mob murder) makes just enough sense to satisfy anyone for whom that sort of thing matters. Most "Snakes" aficionados will only care about the adrenaline rush and that, the film delivers. — B. Cairne. (R: language, a scene of sexuality and drug use, and intense sequences of terror and violence.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. C

"STEP UP" A Baltimore bad boy (Channing Tatum) meets a pretty ballerina (Jenna Dewan) who teaches him how to tie and how to dream big. Choreographer and dancer Anne Fletcher turns director for this dance movie, which breaks no new ground and frequently pulls up full buckets from the endless well of the genre's clichés. Nonetheless, the stars are appealing and those of us who still can't turn off "Dirt Dancing" when it shows up on cable will find some easy pleasures here. — M. Pols. (PG-13: the matic elements, brief violence and innuendo.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. C+

"STRANGERS WITH CANDY" Jerri Blank, the "user and loser" wacko from the Comedy Central cult series, returns to high school decades later in an attempt to get her dad out of a coma in this hilarious big-screen version of the show. Amy Sedaris is a scream as Jerri, even though the movie loses its comic traction about an hour in. — R. Myers. (R: sexual content, language and some drug content.) 1 hour, 27 minutes. B

"TALLADEGA NIGHTS: THE BALLAD OF RICKY BOBBY" Like NASCAR racing, "Ricky Bobby" has its thrilling moments. But mostly it feels repetitive — the film never really goes anywhere. Will Ferrell returns as the his 'Anchorman' director for this take on a race car driver whose success is threatened by a rival driver who bursts into the scene. — C. Lemire. (PG-13: 1 hour, 23 minutes. C-

crude and sexual humor, language, drug references and brief comic violence.) 1 hour, 37 minutes. C+

"TRUST THE MAN" Writer/director Bart Freundlich takes us on a tour of attractive Manhattan locations with two equally appealing couples, both facing trouble in their relationships. Julianne Moore is an actress, David Duchovny is her boyf-bred-at-home husband. Billy Crudup is a sports writer suffering from a serious case of Peter Panitis, Maggie Gyllenhaal is the nice girlfriend desperate to have a baby. Smart and touching, but too ambitious for the time frame. Would have made a good must-see HBO series. — M. Pols. (R: language and sexual content.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. B-

"WHO KILLED THE ELECTRIC CAR?" Chris Paine's trenchant documentary focuses on General Motors' EV1. Launched in 1996, the electric car was so efficient, dealers kept a waiting list with tens of thousands of names. But then GM recalled all the EV1s. Paine's movie manages to entertain and infuriate as he investigates the reasons why a U.S. automaker would invest in a product only to sabotage it at every turn. — G. Whipp. (PG: brief mild language.) 1 hour, 31 minutes. B+

"WORDPLAY" The crossword geniuses in this well-crafted documentary include such celebrity solvers as Jon Stewart and Bill Clinton, as well as the less-famous participants in the annual crossword championship. Watching people work puzzles doesn't sound like fun, but it is, particularly in the beat-the-clock solve-off that whittles three finalists down to a champ. — C. Hewitt. (PG: profanity, mild thematic elements.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. B+

"WORLD TRADE CENTER" Despite the epic-sounding title, the focus of Oliver Stone's film is small, centering on the stories of two Port Authority cops (Nicolas Cage and Michael Pena) who were trapped under the collapsed towers and their spouses (Maria Bello and Maggie Gyllenhaal, respectively). If you want to know what it was like inside those buildings, this is for you. The film is emotional, but that comes with the territory, and the story suffers from a lack of dramatic tension — we know these guys will get out — as well as some cheeseball touches from Stone. — M. Pols. (PG-13: intense and emotional content, some disturbing images and language.) 2 hours, 5 minutes. B-

"ZOOM" Tim Allen stars in this family-friendly comedy about a superhero who's been drained of all his powers. The movie itself was made by people drained of their creativity. It has plenty of energy and visual effects, but not a single original idea in its spandex-clad head. — C. Lemire. (PG: brief rude humor, language and mild action.) 1 hour, 23 minutes. C-

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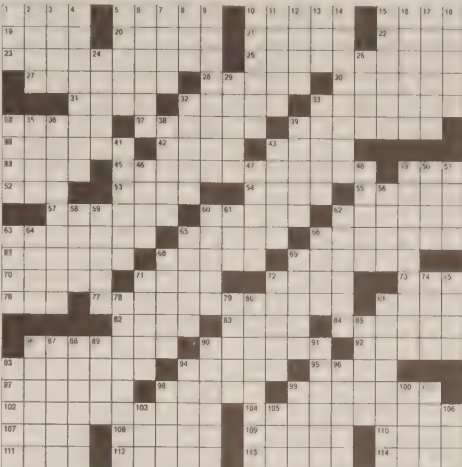
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70 "There's ___ for that!"
71 Rhine feeder
72 Peach or beech
73 Panama, e.g.
76 "Miss Fynn Disposes" author, 1946
77 Lettuce in the spring?
81 It's long in fashion
82 Actress Long and others
83 Beef cut
84 Discharged
86 Sunk
90 It might raise a sink
92 ___ length

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- 93 Ranchers' wraps
94 Sine or cosine
95 Author of "Chaim Lerner's Return"
97 One offering compensation, maybe
98 Fit
99 Calm
102 Very scared insect?
104 Tainted tapica?
107 Start of the Order of the Garter's motto
108 Bring down
109 Not done as well?
110 Switch attachment?
111 Put on
112 Beat
113 Sty sound
114 Home, informally

DOWN

- 1 Painful grp.
2 Memory, sometimes
3 Invited
4 Sci-fi figures
5 Concert hall
6 Made pants?
7 Certain Prot.
8 Low-
9 Stuff on tape
10 Union members
11 Number in C.B. lingo
12 Suffix with novel
13 Iran's Ayatollah
Khamenei



- 62 Play up
63 Pointer's reference
64 Pruno
65 Oenone's bushband, in myth
66 Lake a defendant in court
68 Police car feature
69 Purplish
71 "So long"
72 Beat
74 Bit of skating practice
75 Mangraph activator
78 Take in two little
79 Rub the wrong way
80 Cuban's locations
81 Cousin of a herring
83 Wink back and forth
86 Kind of acting
87 Near
88 Tour de France cyclist Floyd
89 Newspaper piece
90 Lake Captain Kidd
91 Modern-day rhymers
93 Olympic skater Cohen
94 Awaken
96 End of many a race
98 Way up
99 ___ Asiatic
100 King
101 Hazard County lawman
103 Category in baseball's Triple Crown, Abbr.
105 Athletic supporter
106 Caught on to

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CLASSICAL MUSIC

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■ **Oakland Museum Of California** — Ongoing Events — "Art a la Carte," Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m. Art docents offer a variety of specialized tours focusing on one aspect of the museum's permanent collection. Free with museum admission. "Online Museum," Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Explore the museum's collection on videodisks in the History Department Library. Docent Gallery Tours, Saturday and Sunday, 1:30 p.m. Richard Glazier, Aug. 26, 2:30 p.m. Pianist and master storyteller Richard Glazier performs "Gershwin: Remembrance and Discovery." A co-presentation of the Museum and the Oakland East Bay Symphony. Free. \$5-\$8; free for children ages 5 and under; free to all on the second Sunday of the month. Special events are free with museum admission unless noted otherwise. Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m.; first Friday of the month, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. 1000 Oak St., Oakland. 510-238-2200, www.museumca.org.

DANCE

■ **Ashkenaz** — Swing Coolers, Aug. 29, 8:30 p.m. 8 p.m.: Swing dance lesson. \$9. 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-525-5054, www.ashkenaz.com.

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■ **Starry Plough Pub** — "Ceili and Dance," Ongoing. Traditional Irish music and dance. The evening begins with dance lesson at 7 p.m. followed by music at 9 p.m. Mondays, 7 p.m. Free. For ages 21 and over unless otherwise noted. Sunday and Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-2082, www.starry-ploughpub.com.

STAGE

■ **Altarena Playhouse** — Brian Copeland's "Not a Genuine Black Man," Aug. 31, 7:30 p.m. Copeland's one-man show reveals what it was like to grow up as an African American in San Leandro during the 1970s. \$35-\$55. 1409 High St., Alameda. 510-523-1553, www.altarena.org.

■ **Aurora Theatre Company** — "Salome," by Oscar Wilde, Aug. 31 through Oct. 1. Wilde's take on the notorious biblical temptress and her unreciprocated love for the prophet Jokanaan. Wednesday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 and 7 p.m. \$38-\$50. Aurora Theatre, 2081 Addison St.,

Berkeley. 510-843-4822, www.auro-ratheatre.org.

■ **Berkeley City Club** — "Walking the Dead," through Oct. 29. Theatre Q presents Keith Curran's work about the tragic death of a transgendered person. Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$18-\$20. 510-326-8197, www.theatreq.org. 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley.

■ **E.G.Y.P.T. Theatre Arts Center** — "Smokey Joe's Cafe," Sept. 1 through Sept. 10. The hit Broadway revue features the music of Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller who wrote songs including "On Broadway," "Stand by Me" and "Yakety Yak." Recommended for ages 12 and older. Presented by Omega Theatre Works in association

with E.G.Y.P.T. Theatre Arts Center. Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 2 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 7 p.m. \$20. 5300 Foothill Blvd., Oakland.

■ **East Bay Improv** — "Tired of the Same Old Song and Dance?" Ongoing. 8 p.m. East Bay Improv actors perform spontaneous, impulsive and hilarious comedy on the first Saturday of every month. \$8. Pinole Community Playhouse, 601 Tennent Ave., Pinole. 510-964-0571, www.eastbay-improv.com.

■ **Julia Morgan Center For The Arts** — "Tell it on Tuesday," Aug. 29, 7:30 p.m. Enjoy an evening of theatre and storytelling by four performers: Sarah Abbey, Neshama Franklin, Sharon Eberhardt and Paul Sussman. Live

music will precede the performances. \$8-\$12. 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. 510-845-8542, www.juliamorgan.org.

■ **La Pena Cultural Center** — "Jump!" Aug. 26, 8 p.m. Shanique S. Scott's one-woman performance about a young girl's journey to find freedom beyond limitations. \$10-\$15. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568, www.lapena.org.

■ **Lafayette Town Hall Theatre Company** — "Live from Lafayette Old Time Radio Series," through Nov. 20, 8 p.m. Randy Anger and Sarah Andrews Reynolds perform classic radio theater live on stage. Aug. 28: "My Darling Clementine," "Flywheel,"

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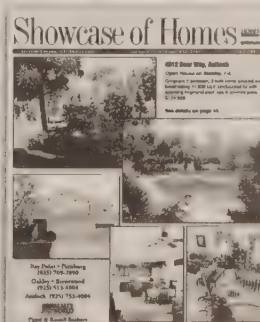
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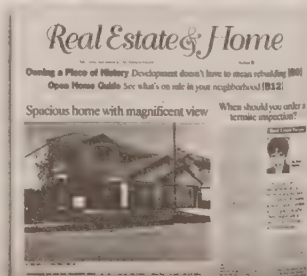
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Sept. 2, \$6. \$5 unless otherwise noted. Shows start Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 924 Gilman St., Berkeley. 510-525-9926, www.924gilman.org.

■ **Albatross Pub** — Whiskey Brothers, Ongoing. Old-time and bluegrass. First and third Wednesdays of every month. Free. Sam Bevan Jazz Trio, Sept. 2, 3 p.m. Shows begin Wednesday, Aug. 31, 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 1822 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-843-2473, www.albatrosspub.com.

■ **Ashkenaz** — Sister Carol with The Yellow Wall Dub Squad, Ras Itawe, Aug. 25, 9:30 p.m. \$17-\$20. Swing Coolers, Aug. 29, 9:30 p.m. 8 p.m.: Swing dance lesson. \$9. "Reggae Showcase," Aug. 30, 9:30 p.m. Featuring Abba Yudah, Honorebel, Nasambu, Buddha, Bobby Tenor, Love Fyah, Tony Moses and We A Dem Band. \$10. KTO Project with Maseki Chingoda, Aug. 31, 9 p.m. \$10. Junior Reid, Everton Blender, The Reggae Angels, Sept. 1, 9:30 p.m. \$17-\$20. Ray Abshire, Sept. 2, 9 p.m. 8 p.m.: Cajun dance lesson. \$13-\$15. 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-525-5054, www.ashkenaz.com.

■ **Beckett's Irish Pub** — Blackberry Soup, Aug. 25. "Rock and Roll with Nicole," Aug. 26 and Sept. 2. Mundaze, Aug. 30. Fun with Finnoula, Aug. 31. 2ME, Sept. 1. Free. Shows at 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 2271 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-647-1790, www.beckettsirishpub.com.

■ **Downtown Restaurant** — Tera Johnson Quartet, Aug. 25. Rhonda Benin Quartet, Aug. 26. The Hot Club of San Francisco, Aug. 27. John Steiner, Sept. 1. Macy Blackman Quartet, Sept. 2. Free unless otherwise noted. Tuesday through Thursday, 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 2102 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-649-3810, www.downtownrestaurant.com.

■ **Freight And Salvage** — "West Coast Songwriters Open Mic Finals," Aug. 25. With host Steve Seskin. \$17.50-\$18.50. "Great Night of Soul Poetry," Aug. 26. An evening of spoken word. \$18.50-\$19.50. Vicki Randle, Nina Gerber, Bonnie Hayes, Aug. 27. \$18.50-\$19.50. Laurie Lewis and the Right Hands, Aug. 31. \$18.50-\$19.50. Music starts at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-548-1761, www.freightandsalvage.org.

■ **Greek Theatre** — Train, Matt Nathanson, Aug. 26, 7:30 p.m. \$38.50. Heart Avenue and Gayley Road, Berkeley. 510-548-3010, www.apocconcerts.com.

■ **La Pena Cultural Center** — Otro Mundo, Aug. 25, 9 p.m. \$12: free 12 and under. \$10.50 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568, www.lapena.org.

■ **Oakland Arena** — Red Hot Chili Peppers, Aug. 24 and Aug. 25. Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 p.m. \$51.75-\$55.75. Sept. 3, 8 p.m. \$31.50-\$60.75. Hegenberger Road and Interstate 880, Oakland. 510-762-2277, 925-762-2277, 415-478-2277, www.theoaklandarena.com.

■ **Oakland City Center** — "Oakland City Center's Summer Sounds Series," through Aug. 30, Noon-1 p.m. A free lunchtime summer concert series.

ries. Aug. 30: Natasha Miller, Free. City Square Plaza, 500 12th St. at Clay Street, Oakland. www.oaklandcitycenter.com.

■ **Shattuck Down Low** — "Live Salsa," Ongoing. An evening of dancing to the music of a live salsa band. The night opens with beginning lessons at 8 p.m. and intermediate lessons at 8:45 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. \$5-\$10. Realistic Orchestra, Aug. 25, 9:30 p.m. \$10. Bayonics, Bay Watt Hyde, Sept. 1, 9 p.m. \$5. Transbrasil, Sept. 2, \$10-\$12. For ages 21 and older. 2284 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-548-1159, www.shattuckdownlow.com.

■ **Starry Plough Pub** — The Starry Irish Music Session led by Shay Black, Ongoing. Sundays, 8 p.m. Sliding scale. For ages 21 and over unless otherwise noted. Sunday and Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-2082, www.starryploughpub.com.

■ **Yoshi's** — David Weckl Band, through Aug. 27. \$5-\$24. Nika Reijo, Aug. 28. \$6-\$12. Piena Libre, Aug. 29 through Aug. 30. \$10-\$18. "Elvin Jones Birthday Salute!" Aug. 31 through Sept. 3. Featuring Deffayo Marsalis, Dave Liebman, Nicholas Payton, Anthony Wonsey and Jason Marsalis. \$5-\$24. Shows are Monday through Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., unless otherwise noted. 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland. 510-238-9200, www.yoshis.com.

OUTDOORS

■ **Bay Area Rail Trails** — Ongoing. A network of trails converted from unused railway corridors and developed by the Rails to Trails Conservancy. Ohlone Greenway — ongoing. A 3.75-mile paved trail converted from the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe rail-

way. Suitable for walkers, strollers and skaters. It is also wheelchair accessible. The trail runs under elevated BART tracks from Conlon and Key Streets in El Cerrito to Virginia and Acton Streets in Berkeley. Shepherd Canyon Trail — ongoing. An easy 3-mile paved trail converted from the Sacramento Northern Rail Line. The green-lined trail is gently sloping and generally follows Shepherd Canyon Road. Suitable for walkers and cyclists. It is also wheelchair accessible. Begins in Montclair Village behind McCaul's Department Store on Medoua Place and ends at Paso Robles Drive, Oakland. Useable year round. Free. 415-397-2220, www.traillink.com.

■ **Bay Area Ridge Trail** — The Bay Area Ridge Trail, when completed, will be a 400-mile regional trail system that will form a loop around the entire San Francisco Bay region, linking 75 public parks and open spaces to thousands of people and hundreds of communities. Hikes on portions of the trail are available through the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council. Call for meeting sites.

Ongoing Events — Alameda County — "Lake Chabot Bike Rides." These rides are for strong beginners and intermediates to build skill, strength and endurance at a non headrush pace. No one will be dropped. Reservations required. Distance: 14 miles. Elevation gain: 1,000 feet. Difficulty: beginner to intermediate. Pace: moderate. Meeting place: Lake Chabot Road at the main entrance to the park. Thursday, 6:15 a.m. 510-468-3582.

Alameda-Contra Costa County — "Tilden and Wildcat Bike Rides." A vigorous ride through Tilden and Wildcat Canyon regional parks. Reservations required. Distance: 15 miles. Elevation gain: 2,000 feet. Difficulty: intermediate. Pace: fast. Meeting places: in front of the North Berkeley BART Station. Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. 510-849-9650.

"East Bay Benefit Ride," Aug. 31 through Sept. 4, 8 a.m. Ride up to 100 miles, or 14 to 18 miles each day, as you travel alongside the Ridge Trail for three days and spend the last two days heading toward Mount Diablo. All meals are provided for bikers and campers. Evening entertainment will include a trip to Chabot Space Observatory, campfires and music. \$55 per day; \$250 five days. 925-254-8942, www.tbwa.org. Free. 415-561-2595, www.ridgetrail.org.

■ **Cal Sailing Club** — "Free Sailboat Rides," through Dec. 10, 1-4 p.m. Enjoy a free sailboat ride with an experienced skipper at one of Cal Sailing Club's open house events. Children 5 and under prohibited. Aug. 13, Aug. 27, Sept. 3, Sept. 24, Oct. 8, Oct. 22, Nov. 26 and Dec. 10. Free. 124 University Ave., Berkeley. www.cal-sailing.org.

■ **Crab Cove Visitor Center** — At Crab Cove, you can see live underwater creatures and go into the San Francisco Bay from land. The goal is to increase understanding of the environmental importance of San Francisco Bay and the ocean ecosystem. Crab Cove's Indoor Aquarium and Exhibit Lab is one of the largest indoor aquariums in the East Bay. Special Events — "Campground to Lake," Aug. 26, 3-5 p.m. Learn all about the lake's history and the creatures that call it home on this afternoon hike. Ages 7 and older. "Discover Lovely Lake Temescal," Aug. 27, Noon-1:30 p.m. Learn about the park's history on this one-mile hike. "Laisly Park Day," Sept. 2 and Sept. 4, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 11 a.m.-noon: "Solar Oven Queadillas." 2-3 p.m.: "Catch of the Day." 3-4 p.m.: "Nature Movie Clips." "Sun Day Fun," Sept. 3. Learn about the sun as you make sun prints and bake cookies in the Cove's solar oven. Registration required. 510-636-1684. Free unless otherwise noted; parking

fee may be charged. 1252 McKay Ave., Alameda. 510-521-6887, www.ebparks.org.

■ **Dunsuir House And Gardens Historic Estate** — \$4-\$5. Nestled in the Oakland hills, the 50-acre Dunsuir House and Gardens estate includes the 37-room Neoclassical Revival Dunsuir Mansion, built by coal and lumber baron Alexander Dunsuir for his bride. Restored outbuildings set amid landscaped gardens surround the mansion. Estate Grounds. Self-Guided Grounds Tours are available year around. The 50 acres of gardens and grounds at the mansion are open to the public for walking Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2960 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland. 510-615-5555, www.dunsuir.org.

■ **Greenbelt Alliance Outings** — A series of hikes, bike rides and events sponsored by Greenbelt Alliance, the Bay Area's non-profit land conservation and urban planning organization. Call for meeting places. Reservations required for all trips. Alameda County — "Self-Guided Urban Outing: Berkeley," Ongoing. This interactive smart growth walking tour of central Berkeley examines some of the exciting projects that help alleviate the housing shortage in the city as well as amenities important to making a livable community. The walk, which includes the GAIA Cultural Center, Allston Oak Court, The Berkeley Bike Station, University Terrace and Strawberry Creek Park, takes between an hour and a half to two hours at a leisurely pace. Download the itinerary which gives specific directions by entering www.greenbelt.org and clicking on "get involved" and then "urban outings." Drop down and click on Berkeley. Free. Free unless otherwise noted. 415-255-3233, www.greenbelt.org.

Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority

Citizens Watchdog Committee

REPORT to the Public

Alameda County voters approved a ballot initiative in November 2000 called Measure B to continue the 1/2 cent transportation sales tax to implement a 20-year expenditure responsibility for managing Measure B funds rests with the Alameda County Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC). The CWC is made up of 11 elected officials from within Alameda County. Measure B provided the Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) review all expenditures of Measure B funds, but at least annually, to inform County residents how the funds are being spent.

CWC has been meeting regularly since June 2001. Meetings are open to the public. Meeting schedules and agendas are posted on the website and the public is invited to attend. This fourth annual report covers ACTIA expenditures from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005, and CWC actions during that period.

■ **ACTIA FINANCIALS** — ACTIA financial statements for fiscal year ending 2005 were audited by independent auditors. The auditors issued an unqualified opinion, which can be viewed at the ACTIA website at www.actia2022.com.

CWC members have reviewed the Auditor's Statement of Revenues and Expenditures under Measure B from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. Of the \$104.3 million reported as revenue, \$15.6 million has been set aside for future expenditures, and \$88.7 million was allocated for local governments, capital projects, and administrative. As of June 30, 2005, the CWC has approved \$1.5 million in expenditures, and the 1/2 cent administrative staff cost mandated by Measure B, for which we committed by ACTIA.

By December 31st each year, recipient jurisdictions are contractually required to submit a report summarizing programmatic compliance, an independent audit of ACTIA funded programs and a compliance opinion stating material compliance with the ACTIA contract signed by an independent auditor.

CWC also reviewed independent audits of all jurisdictions receiving Measure B funds. Four agencies, the Cities of Berkeley, Dublin, Fremont, and Hayward, did not submit their complete financial audits in a timely manner, delaying CWC's review of their expenditures. As of May 2006, all jurisdictions submitted their complete reports and were in compliance. We conclude that recipient agencies had spent the monies in accordance with the terms of Measure B under agreements, drew up by ACTIA.

We note that of the 27 ACTIA capital projects, nine are at risk due to funding uncertainties, totaling \$83.3 million. Last year, we deemed ten at risk. (See table)

■ **CWC Activities** — CWC does more than review financial statements. We convene special ad hoc committee meetings focusing on projects at risk, and projects or programs of concern. We also make formal recommendations to the ACTIA Board. We review projects and programs to monitor compliance with the Expenditure Plan approved by the voters. In November 2005, CWC met with ACTIA's new independent auditors to review their auditing processes.

■ **AD HOC COMMITTEE REVIEW** — Over the last year, we implemented a new process for raising issues of concern with project sponsors through the use of ad hoc committees. In May 2006, CWC held two ad hoc committee meetings and received focused presentations from BART and AC Transit on each topic raised by CWC. We report that there are no issues for CWC action on these projects. The following issues were raised:

■ **BART Oakland Airport Connector** — Concern over the security of Measure B funds if BART enters into a public/private funding partnership where a private entity would enter into contract with BART to design, build, finance and operate the project.

■ **AC Transit** — There were three issues raised regarding AC Transit:

■ **Bus signal priority on its Rapid Bus system** and the effect on the safety of pedestrians crossing the street.

■ **Rapid Transit on Telegraph Ave./International Blvd., 1,340 Street** including project implementation schedule changes and how the project will coordinate with other local projects, such as bike lane projects on Telegraph Avenue.

■ **Accessibility of Van Hool buses** for seniors and disabled.

REVENUES

ALTHOUGH CWC has no financial concerns regarding the AC Transit and BART projects noted above, the CWC Activities Committee encourages continuing public involvement in review of BART's performance measures in the project public-private partnership agreement for the Oakland Airport Connector project. Visit BART's website at www.bart.gov/about/projects/airport.asp for more information on the project and documents for the AC Transit Bus Rapid Transit project are scheduled to be available in February 2006. Visit their website at www.oactransit.org for more information.

KEEPING WATCH: PROJECTS

In order to ensure timely delivery of projects, the 2000 Measure B Expenditure Plan requires that projects receive environmental approvals and have a fully funded project by April 2007. Projects that cannot meet this requirement may appeal to the ACTIA Board for a one or more one-year time extensions. CWC is closely monitoring project readiness to meet this deadline.

Regarding expenditures on local streets and roads, CWC expressed concern that some cities spent a very high percentage (more than two-thirds) of the funds received on administration. However, Measure B does not prohibit such use.

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AT RISK

Last year, we reported that ten Measure B projects were at risk due to uncertainties in state, federal, and other funding needed to complete the projects. Nine projects are still at risk. Detailed information on the project-by-project status of all the projects, including the level of funding risk, can be found on the ACTIA website at www.actia2022.com.

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A comprehensive grant program was instituted in 2006 for the Express Bus funds. Grants totaling \$3.2 million were allocated to local jurisdictions. WHRTS (\$1.6 million) and AC Transit (\$1.6 million) were the largest recipients.

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Policies for implementation of the Transit Center Development Program were completed in 2006, resulting in over \$90 million in commitments to the Cities of Alameda, Pleasanton, and San Leandro as local match funds for an MTC grant to create station area plans for transit hubs.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

ACTIA continues to support public participation in delivering the ACTIA projects and programs through four public committees composed of 90 people: the Citizens Watchdog Committee, the Authority Committee, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, and the Transit Advisory Planning Committee. Citizens' chairs report to the ACTIA Board at its public meeting held on the fourth Thursday of the month.

THE FUTURE

On-going efforts still exist in securing local, state and federal dollars to provide the balance of funding for Measure B projects. Expenditures in Santa Clara County which requires ACTIA funding for the BART to Warm Springs Project. Additional funding sources, such as a statewide bond issue on the November 2006 ballot, or additional legislation increasing the vehicle license fee, may affect Measure B projects.

GOOD NEWS

In fiscal year 2004-2005, sales tax revenues exceeded expectations. The original budget expectation was \$92.7 million, actual total \$104.3 million in addition, over \$12 million were received from the reauthorization of the federal transportation bill.

BAD NEWS

Measure B projects are dependent upon a variety of funds. Nine projects are still facing funding shortfalls. If outside funding is not assured by April 2007, the Board will have to decide whether or not to re-allocate the ACTIA funds.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The complete Expenditure Plan and this report are available on the ACTIA website, www.actia2022.com. Copies are also available, as are audits for each agency, at the Authority offices at 426 17th Street, Suite 100, Oakland CA 94612, telephone 510-893-1347. Information on Measure B-funded program expenditures can also be found on the website of each jurisdiction.

ACTIA Citizens Watchdog Committee Report

Measure B ACTIA Projects Designated to Receive State Funds currently "At-Risk"

*Funding "at risk" is subject to the programming and budgeting process of the various funding agencies, and could change.

	(in \$ millions)	Total Project Cost	Measure B Expenditure Plan	Measure B 2004-2005 Commitment	State funds "At-Risk"	Percentage of Funds "At-Risk" to Total Project Cost
BART Extension to Warm Springs	695.1	165.5	211.3	55.5	Future STIP-BIP	
TCIP	82.2	82.2	82.2	82.2	TCIP	
San Mateo	143.9	143.9	143.9	143.9	San Mateo	53% at risk
BART Oakland Airport Connector	380.5	65.8	83.3	18.0	Programmed STIP-BIP	
AC Transit	141.5	141.5	141.5	141.5	AC Transit	50% at risk
Union City	42.4	9.2	31.9	10.1	Programmed STIP-BIP	
International Station	36.5	25.8	33.1	12.0	Programmed STIP-BIP	
1480 Express Lane	28.1	4.0	5.2	1.9	Future STIP-BIP	
1480 Broadway	67.0	19.5	25.2	4.0	BNI Reserve	
1480 Route 92	98.8	20.0	25.2	10.2	Local Funds	62% at risk
1480 Interchange	308.2	14.7	18.7	34.0	Future STIP-BIP	
1480 Interchange	22.4	NA	1.5	3.9	Programmed STIP-BIP	
1480 Interchange	1679.2	324.5	415.1	833.3	50% at risk	

State Funding Sources:

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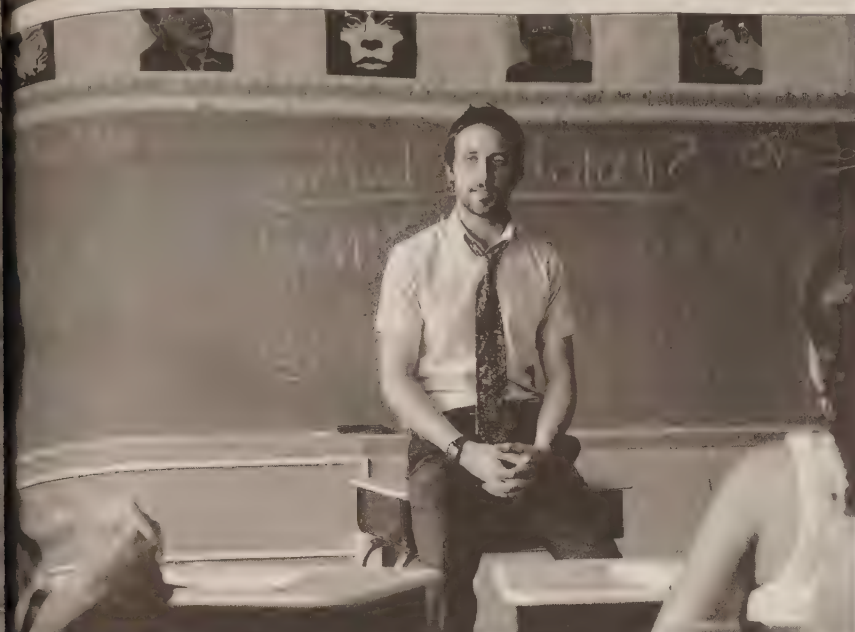
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OSLING plays a drug-addicted teacher in "Half Nelson." The film's story leaves lingering questions, about the characters and the way they face.

Drug film wrestles with ambiguity

ing 'Half Nelson' moral compass in the end

by Mary F. Pols

OF WRITER

"Half Nelson" is fiction, but it feels so real, it lingers in the mind like some story you read on the news. A few scenes are so powerful, you catch yourself thinking about the two characters, wondering what they are doing. It's a film about a teacher who is a drug addict, and it's a film about a teacher who is a drug addict.

respectively by Ryan and Shareeka Epps, Dan is a teacher and pupil who is a drug addict, and it's a film about a teacher who is a drug addict.

is not your average teacher-student-meets-story. Dan is wise, but he doesn't teach to channel her inner teacher. Instead, he reveals to her the most bitter contradiction: a teacher who is a drug addict, and it's a film about a teacher who is a drug addict.

teacher who is a drug addict, and it's a film about a teacher who is a drug addict. The scene is almost entirely silent. "Oh, sorry," Drey says, and he says it back. "Sorry." Coupled with the eyes of both players, those three words might as well be a 50-page essay on the topic of drugs, the inner city, responsibility, stress, sadness, need. It's tragic, and Gosling, in particular, gives it Shakespearean weight. (Is there is a better actor younger than 30 working today? Doubtful.)

It would be easy to describe Drey as Dan's moral compass, but "Half Nelson" is far more subtle and emotionally thorough than that. It keeps reminding us that for any addict, there is always another excuse. The cat died, I need to smoke. I saw an old lover, I need to smoke, and on and on. A moral compass is all very well, but unless it is internal, it's no form of salvation.

Just as the world pushes Dan, inviting him to sin, it pulls at Drey. Her brother's best friend (and former boss), Frank (Anthony Mackie), wouldn't mind putting her to work and whatever her security net is, it's full of holes. Dan knows he should be this girl's moral compass, but he knows he's a terrible choice for the role.

The movie continually reminds us of the links between the worlds of drug dealers and drug takers, but without becoming an obvious game of connect the

'HALF NELSON'

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Starring: Ryan Gosling, Shareeka Epps, Anthony Mackie, Tina Holmes

Rated: R

Opens today: Shattuck, Berkeley, Embarcadero, S.F.; Rafael Film Center, San Rafael

Running time: 1 hour, 47 minutes

See the trailer at ContraCostaTimes.com

Bay Area native who originally intended to set the film in Oakland, might be best described as a study in personal tipping points. In one early, critical scene, Drey returns to the locker room after a basketball game. It's empty, except for Dan, her coach, who is inside a stall, having just indulged in his drug habit, smoking crack. He's barely capable of hiding. Drey hears a noise and pauses, listening. She's cautious, but not afraid, and she pushes open the door.

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dots.

It's only failure is at the end, which might be interpreted as a grasp for a shred of optimism that the story, in its brutal honesty, has put out of reach.

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Tamarindo

FROM PAGE C8

A few of the dishes need more than a little help. The starchy, flavorless corn of the Elote Asado (grilled corn on the cob with Parmesan cheese and aioli; \$4) made it clear that in real life not

all restaurants get their produce directly from an outdoor mercado.

Accompanied by a rather bland tomatillo sauce, the Empanaditas de Camaron Estilo Nayarit (\$8) did have assertive shrimp flavor, but there was no evidence of the advertised serrano chile and green onions.

Strangely normal sized in a world of minimeals, the hefty Torta Poblana (\$7) featured a grilled chicken breast marred by overly dark grill marks and acrid bits of burned food from an uncleaned grill.

A small selection of classic Mexican desserts proved consis-

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BEST SELLERS

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Fiction

1. "Sulle Francaise," by Irene Nemirovsky. (Knopf, \$25.)
2. "The Rules," by Scott Smith. (Knopf, \$24.95.)
3. "Water for Elephants," by Sara Gruen. (Algonquin, \$23.95.)
4. "The Keep," by Jennifer Egan. (Knopf, \$23.95.)
5. "The Night Gardener," by George Polecanos. (Little, Brown, \$24.99.)
6. "Judge & Jury," by James Patterson and Andrew Gross. (Little, Brown, \$27.99.)
7. "Special Topics in Calamity Physics," by Marisha Pessl. (Viking, \$25.95.)
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9. "Pegasus Descending," by James Lee Burke. (Simon & Schuster, \$26.)
10. "The Messenger," by Daniel Silva. (Putnam, \$25.95.)

Nonfiction

1. "Fiasco," by Thomas E. Ricks. (Penguin, \$27.95.)
2. "The Omnivore's Dilemma," by Michael Pollan. (Penguin, \$26.95.)
3. "I Feel Bad About My Neck," by Nora Ephron. (Knopf, \$19.95.)
4. "Heat," by Bill Buford. (Knopf, \$24.95.)
5. "Marley & Me," by John Grogan. (William Morrow, \$21.95.)
6. "The Price of Privilege," by Madeline Levine. (HarperCollins, \$24.95.)
7. "The Female Brain," by Louann Brizendine. (Morgan Road, \$24.95.)
8. "The Looming Tower," by Lawrence Wright. (Knopf, \$27.95.)
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10. "Freakonomics," by Steven Levitt and Stephen Dubner. (William Morrow, \$25.95.)

Trade paperback fiction

1. "The Memory Keeper's Daughter," by Kim Edwards. (Penguin, \$14.)
2. "The History of Love," by Nicole

- Krauss. (Norton, \$13.95.)
3. "The Kite Runner," by Khaled Hosseini. (Riverhead, \$14.)
4. "Never Let Me Go," by Kazuo Ishiguro. (Vintage, \$14.)
5. "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan," by Lisa See. (Random House, \$13.95.)
6. "March," by Geraldine Brooks. (Penguin, \$14.)
7. "The Alchemist (Updated)," by Paulo Coelho. (HarperSanFrancisco, \$13.95.)
8. "Case Histories," by Kate Atkinson. (Back Bay, \$13.95.)
9. "Gilead," by Marilynne Robinson. (Picador, \$14.)
10. "Espresso Tales," by Alexander McCall Smith. (Anchor, \$13.95.)

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1. "An Inconvenient Truth," by Al Gore. (Rodale, \$21.95.)
2. "The Places in Between," by Rory Stewart. (Harvest, \$14.)
3. "Confessions of an Economic Hit Man," by John Perkins. (Plume, \$15.)
4. "The Tender Bar," by J.R. Moehringer. (Hyperion, \$14.95.)
5. "Running With Scissors," by Augusten Burroughs. (Picador, \$14.)
6. "The Tipping Point," by Malcolm Gladwell. (Back Bay, \$14.95.)
7. "1776," by David McCullough. (Simon & Schuster, \$18.)
8. "The Glass Castle," by Jeannette Walls. (Scribner, \$14.)
9. "The Devil in the White City," by Erik Larson. (Vintage, \$14.95.)
10. "Collapse," by Jared Diamond. (Penguin, \$17.)

Mass market paperback

1. "The Lincoln Lawyer," by Michael Connelly. (Warner, \$7.99.)
2. "The Devil Wears Prada," by Lauren Weisberger. (Anchor, \$7.99.)
3. "Crusader's Cross," by James Lee Burke. (Pocket, \$7.99.)
4. "LifeGuard," by James Patterson and Andrew Gross. (Warner, \$9.99.)
5. "Fire Sale," by Sara Paretsky. (Signet, \$9.99.)

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TAMARINDO



(overall value rating of our visit; out of a possible 5)

FOOD

REVIEW VISIT ON JULY 23

- **CUISINE:** Regional Mexican.
- **PRICES:** \$\$ \$4-\$9 (all small plates).
- **CHECK:** \$75 for three.
- **HOME RUN:** Múltas, Tarnal Oaxqueno.
- **STRIKEOUT:** Torta Poblana.
- **VEGETARIAN:** Elote Asado, Guacamole.
- **FREEBIES:** None.
- **BEVERAGES:** Standard Mexican beers, excellent sangria, short, interesting wine list mostly from Spain and South America.
- **DESSERTS:** Small selection of traditional Mexican desserts. All are housemade and outstanding.

★★★ ½

(Service and ambience rating out of a possible 5)

WHO, WHAT, WHEN

- **WHERE:** 468 8th St., Oakland.
- **HOURS:** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays; 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-10 p.m. Fridays; 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturdays.
- **CONTACT:** 510-444-1944; www.tamarindoantojaria.com.
- **RESERVATIONS:** Not accepted.
- **NOISE LEVEL:** Usually not too loud.
- **SERVICE POINT:** Service gets a little shaky when it gets busy. Host and servers are quite competent, but bussers seem lost.
- **PARKING:** Plenty of parking on the street.
- **DINING ALONE:** There is one communal table where it would be easy to strike up a conversation with fellow diners, and the outside tables are great for people watching.
- **SPECIAL AREA:** That communal table in the middle of the room is a fun spot to mingle.
- **KIDS:** Casual enough for kids, with some familiar dishes youngsters will appreciate.
- **PRIVATE PARTIES:** There is no banquet room, but call if you are thinking about having a party on Sunday when they are closed.
- **DATE OPENED:** July 20, 2005.
- **PRINCIPALS:** Gloria and Alphonso Dominguez, owners.



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Arts & Leisure



J.B. ALDERMAN
On DVDs

Timing is right for 'Lost City'

THE LOST CITY

Andy Garcia directed, scored the music and starred in this timely tale of 1959 revolutionary Cuba. "City" is exceptionally apropos, especially for those who are unfamiliar with precommunist Cuba, given Fidel Castro's ill health and the possibility of new leadership on the island for the first time in 48 years. We see the revolution from Garcia's perspective as a Havana night club owner (think of a suave Ricky Ricardo). The melodrama gets a bit thick with passionate speeches about democracy and awkward battle scenes. Frequent readers also know I have DVD A.D.D., and the long runtime on this film didn't help my condition. That said, Garcia's music is surprisingly good and creates a lush cinematic tapestry that is worth watching. (R: Violence and language). 2 hours and 23 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 3 stars

Kids: N/A

Teens: 2 stars

Adults: 3 stars

Seniors: 3 stars

Should you rent it? Yes — A visually appealing look at the Cuban revolution.

V FOR VENDETTA

Another painfully relevant DVD, "V" is set in the not-too-distant future in a terrorist-plagued England. Under the banner of keeping Britain safe from terror, the kingdom has morphed into a fascist state that brands gays, Muslims and people of color as public safety threats. Based on a popular adult comic book, the DVD, starring a trying-too-hard-to-be-English Natalie Portman, delivers an unsuitable condemnation of the West's current war on terror and subsequent curtailing of personal liberties. "V" also tries to meld this soap-boxing with "Matrix" style action — an effort that fails. Hugo Weaving plays the avenging cultured warrior who seeks to bring down the government with his own brand of theatrical anarchy. While stark good versus evil plays well in the comics, the lack of any gray is a shortcoming in the richer medium of film. (R: Violence and language). 2 hours and 12 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 2½ stars

Kids: N/A star

Teens: 3 stars

Adults: 2½ stars

Seniors: 1½ stars

Should you rent it? Yes — A unique, violent commentary on the war against terror.

THE SIMPSONS — EIGHTH SEASON

The eighth season of the best show on television is out to own on DVD, and it's well worth the \$50 price tag. Like an encyclopedia set, the Simpsons series deserves a spot in your library and is likely to be passed down through the generations as a treasured heirloom and resource. The ageless beauty of this twisted animated family comes from the combination of biting social satire with witty potty humor (no, that's not an oxymoron). If you are already a Simpsons fan, give into temptation and buy season eight. If you're just Simpsons curious, try these discs out as a rental. I promise you'll be smitten. (Unrated, but equivalent to PG for cartoon violence and mild language). 9 hours and 10 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 3½ stars

Kids: 3 stars

Teens: 3½ stars

Adults: 3½ stars

Seniors: 2 stars

Should you rent it? Yes — Comedy at its very best.

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Oakland is a lot closer than Mexico

By Milan Jackson

I have elaborate fantasies about Mexican cuisine. I dream of wandering through an open-air *mercado* brimming with fresh produce, crumbly farmers cheese and chickens grown tough and flavorful from running about pecking worms.

After sucking down a mango, I'll stumble on a small, family-run restaurant, an *antojeria*, meaning "little whims." It is a thoroughly modern place specializing in small, flavorful dishes prepared in the traditional way.

A dream, I know. But discovering Gloria Dominguez's Tamarindo in Oakland has at least brought the second half of this fantasy to life.

Located in a once desolate part of downtown, the one-year-old *antojeria* owes its existence to the city's revitalization of the nearby residential district. Eighth Street does not yet compare to Berkeley's 4th Street, but there are a good number of trendy shops and restaurants, old and new.

Tamarindo has found a niche among the handful of upscale Mexican restaurants in the Bay Area. Less formal than Dona Tomas (a pioneer of Mexican regional cuisine), and more strictly authentic than the nouvelle creations of Maya in San Francisco, Tamarindo reminds me of Albany's Fonda — with its pan-Latin small plates — without the distracting hipster bar scene.

Dominguez started in the restaurant business with a Taqueria Salsa in Antioch. She created this friendly little restaurant with her architect son Alfonso, who designed the interior. Alfonso has made the most of a small space, leaving a rustic red brick wall exposed for artwork, including his own portrait of Maria Felix, the famous Mexican film actress of the 1940s and '50s. The funky white, legless chairs look as if they were designed for a preschool, providing a subtle signal that although Tamarindo's standards are high, you can just relax and have a good time.

By keeping portions small, Tamarindo sidesteps the expectation that Mexican food is about large plates of filling but mediocre food. Multitas (\$7), two rich-tasting, freshly made corn tortillas are filled with just the right amount of melted jack cheese, Niman Ranch beef grilled to a still-juicy medium, guacamole and salsa fresca. Simple, and simply delicious.

Another winner is the Tamal Oaxaqueno (\$7). The banana leaf wrapper suffuses the masa with a distinctly tropical aroma, and



DEAN COPPOLA/STAFF

ONE HOT TAMALE: Tamarindo has found its place among the Mexican restaurants in the Bay Area.

Although Tamarindo's standards are high, the atmosphere is casual. A brick wall is used to showcase art.

it tastes like it hopped straight from steamer to plate. The moist masa, chock-full of corn, wraps around an equally moist and savory braised pork filling spiked with red chile.

Those looking for more of a main course should be sure to ask for the list of specials. Conchita Pibil (\$14) is traditionally a whole pig cooked in a pit by hot rocks. This is the sort of dish that is distinctively Mexican — exotic and unmatched in any

other cuisine. Tamarindo's version is stellar, and makes you wonder why there are not more Mexican restaurants at least trying to cook some of these wonderful regional specialties. It would be a tall order to expect the restaurant to cook a whole hog in a pit, but the pork is properly spiced with achiote and, in keeping with Yucatan tradition, cooked in aromatic banana leaves. Steamed rice, enriched with chicken stock, adds heft.

Tostaditas de Tinga Poblana brought more of those wonderful little corn tortillas, this time fried crispy, and topped with black beans, finely shredded cabbage, Mexican crema, avocado and braised chicken. Shredded, moist and exuding a flavorful broth, the chicken is still a little disappointing; a proper tinga should have a smokier kick from chipotle chiles.

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This science exhibit is cool — really

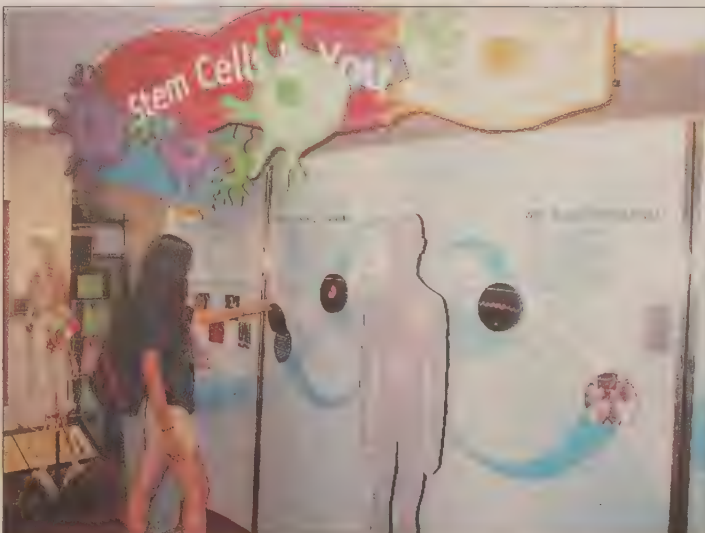
Why it's cool: OK, we know this one sounds like homework, but trust us. The Hall of Health is cool. There are body parts, skeletons, hands-on activities and exhibits on the body's inner workings geared for kids ages 3 to 12. This month, the Children's Hospital-sponsored museum goes one step further with a traveling exhibit that should appeal to curious teens and grownups, too.

"Stem Cells & You" explores one of today's most controversial scientific topics. We've read about stem cells in the headlines — and wondered, perhaps, what flower stems had to do with politics. Ah, but stem cells are something else entirely. This exhibit uses eye-popping displays and interactive exhibits to explore the science and medical research applications behind the controversy.

What kids like: This is a nice, bite-size museum with plenty of gory body parts. And who's not interested in how a heart works?

What middle-schoolers and teens will like: Science buffs will be fascinated, of course, but even bio-phobic teens should enjoy uncovering the science at the heart of the controversy. Plus, there are beaucoup brownie points to be gained in biology class if you can mouth off knowledgeably on the topic.

What parents like: Many people believe stem cells hold the key to curing Alzheimer's, diabetes and other conditions, including spinal cord injuries. But there's a potent ethical debate raging, too, and the Hall of



HALL OF HEALTH

THERE'S NOTHING pedantic here, but there are plenty of catchy displays and interactive exhibits to help you understand stem cells.

Health staff says the exhibit, which is sponsored by the National Institutes of Health and the University of Utah's Genetic Science Learning Center, explores every aspect of the issue. "Stem Cells & You" should provide plenty of zesty discussion fodder for the ride home.

Afterward: You'll find an Original Mel's and the Shattuck Cinema right upstairs. Grab a burger at the diner, or a slice of 'za at Mel's pizzeria. There's ice

cream nearby, and espresso drinks for the grownups. Or work off that intellectual surge you just acquired with a dose of Will Ferrell's cinematic silliness in "Talladega Nights" or some other likely movie.

Parking tips: There's a pay parking lot right around the block at 2061 Allston. Or take BART to the downtown Berkeley station and walk a block.

— Jackie Burrell, staff writer, jburrell@oaklandtimes.com

THE BASICS

WHERE: Hall of Health, 2230 Shattuck Ave., lower level, Berkeley.

HOURS: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. The stem cell exhibit runs now through Sept. 1.

TICKETS: \$3 per person; free for kids 3 and younger.

CONTACT: 510-549-1564 or www.hallofhealth.org.

SUSAN KATZ

Outsider seen from

JEAN DUBUFFE art brut: raw expression using the strictures of "shouldn't." He works from people's asylums, as well as following in society don't even think of it.

Picasso, Duchamp and the spired by the mystery of naive art tried to be as free as possible.

In the 1960s, to follow Dubuffe making some into superstars.

You could try to paint at the Fair. But part of of naive art is in unexpected places.

Such as Rich.

On an anonymous 23rd Street, a chaotic artists works in chaos. Inside an abandoned building chock-full of projects and the National Institute of Disabilities holds where people can extend their art in ceramics, drawing, printmaking and textile arts.

Part art school, part party, NIAD bring together with a professional there to cheer them as to instruct. NIAD founded in 1980 by Ludins-Katz, a psychologist and Oakland's Creativity Exploratory Center in San Jose — all projects designed to create and independence with disabilities.

People with experience are NIAD's goal is to bring artists. They use materials, like schedules, and sometimes observe the gallery, and the same 50 percent professional gallery.

"The studio is a nary place," says instructor Joan work with a concentration, and themselves as an very important.

Much of the ordinary, as well as on the walls is quilts, has related drawings that

"Everywhere there's something completely unexpected," says Director. Such as the over tote bag with a filled with glitter and fuzzy pompoms on her office door. A green ceramic dog, a jaunty punky black ball adorned with millions of rock stars.

Ironically, the notion of a school become part of the stream, many would be right in temporary art piece in the collection of the cisco's Achenbach.

Unlike the galleries, though, are affordable, and less. You can chancing jewelry in found objects.

The next stop: The Creative Arts Sonoma Valley. That's bad news, but good news: has trouble with its anonymous. The good news: to you any time. For a tour, call

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Section D

GMC Yukon Denali is powerful and loaded with comfort

BY TOM KEANE

MOTOR MATTERS

Looking for a high-quality sport
SUV loaded with refinement, check
out the 2007 GMC Yukon Denali. It's ex-
actly what you need.

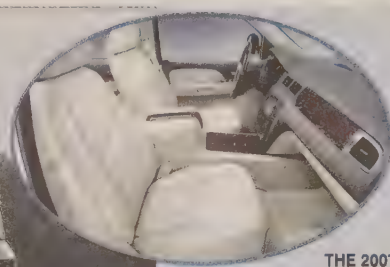
Forget the bad news out of the way
first: The base price of \$47,115, and
13 miles per gallon city, 19 high-
way. The Denali has some nice options,
but the total is \$52,425.

The Denali has a very attractive design,
with its iconic honeycomb grille,
chrome accents — including
the door handles and 20-inch chrome
wheels — and under appearance leaves no
doubt that the Denali is a high-quality ve-
hicle. The chrome strip on the running
board confirms this impression.

The Denali is a full-size SUV with a
boxer frame, coil over shock
absorption and rack-and-pinion
steering. The seats are covered with a
leather-like material. The dash panel has some
interesting burl walnut trim. The
steering wheel also con-
firms the Denali is an upscale SUV.
The Denali has 12-way power con-
trols for both second row seats have
exclusive fold-and-tumble
feature. Space between the second
row allows easy access to the third-

row. The side mirrors can fold inward
with the push of a button, making it easier
to get into a tight garage door open-
ing. The Denali also has the options of a
roof rack and heated steer-
ing wheel with wood accent. The liftgate
is powered, but the storage space
with the third-row seats upright.
The Denali easily folds down to create ad-
ditional storage space. If the vehicle has
a second row of passengers, roof rails could
hold down baggage.

When I opened the door, the running
board would lift up to help me climb into the
vehicle. I could sit high, and have
a view of the road. When I started
driving, I began moving. I had no
doubt that the Denali is a very



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controlled automatic transmission.

Making the ride more enjoyable, I had
XM Satellite radio connected to a great
sound system. The Bose audio system is
an AM/FM MP3-capable radio with a six-
disc changer and 10-speaker surround
sound. Other nice features available in-
clude the following: navigational system,
rear camera, and DVD-based entertain-
ment system.

Another comfort about the Denali is
knowing that I was surrounded by the in-
dustry's safest and most secure vehicle.
The Denali has head curtain side airbags,

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plus the segment's first rollover indication
sensors. This vehicle has been given a
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person would even be able to tell me if my

left rear tire needed a couple of pounds
of additional air pressure.

Another advantage of OnStar is the
General Motors Advanced Automatic Crash
Notification system. Should I have an ac-
cident, OnStar could send emergency help.
Again, the Denali is expensive, but dollar-
for-dollar, it's money well spent.

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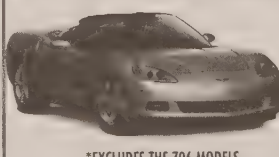
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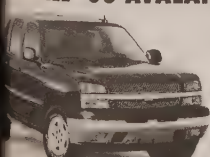


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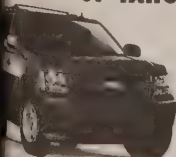
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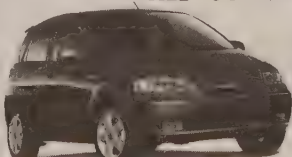


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1963 Corvette reflects significant year for couple

CLASSIC CLASSICS
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MOTOR MATTERS

About a decade ago, after Norris and Betty Waterfield had attended several antique car shows as spectators, he casually asked her if she would like to get an antique car of their own so they could become active participants in the old-car hobby.

There are, after all, affordable antique automobiles. She replied in the affirmative. Upon further prodding, she told him that because 1963 was when he received his degree from a technical institute and she graduated from high school, the car should be a 1963 model to commemorate a significant year in their lives.

There are lots of very nice, desirable and economical 1963 models from which to choose. That's when she recalled her teen-age years when she would ride the bus past the Chevrolet showroom, gazing with envy at the beautiful and sleek Corvettes in the showroom. "Actually owning one was cost-prohibitive and a frivolous purchase reality for a young person in those days," she says.

So the car of choice was decided — it was to be a 1963 Corvette. Betty did not realize that the 1963 Corvette was the first year of the Sting Ray models and beyond that, the only year with the now highly desirable, one-year-only, split rear window. The price of joining the old-car hobby just went up.

Not one to go back on his word, Waterfield began searching for an acceptable and affordable 1963 Corvette Sting Ray. He eventually located one in early 1998. It was a very presentable numbers-matching car with about 52,500 miles recorded on the odometer. He purchased the car in March 1998, loaded the 2,859-pound treasure onto his trailer and towed it 18 miles to his rural Virginia home.

Once the 14-foot, 7-inch-long Corvette was safely home, Waterfield set about investigating what exactly he had purchased. Like every other 1963 Corvette, it rode on a 98-inch wheelbase, was 69.6 inches wide and a low 49.8 inches high. Added to the base price of \$4,257, optional equipment on the Sting Ray included aluminum wheels, four-speed gearbox, AM/FM radio, 327-cid, 340 horsepower, Sebring silver paint,

postraction, and white sidewall tires.

Research shows that chief stylist for the 1963 Corvette, William L. Mitchell, insisted on having the distinctive two-piece rear window over the objection of chief engineer Zora Arkus-Duntov. Both men eventually got their say, Mitchell for the first year of the Sting Ray, and Arkus-Duntov on every Corvette thereafter.

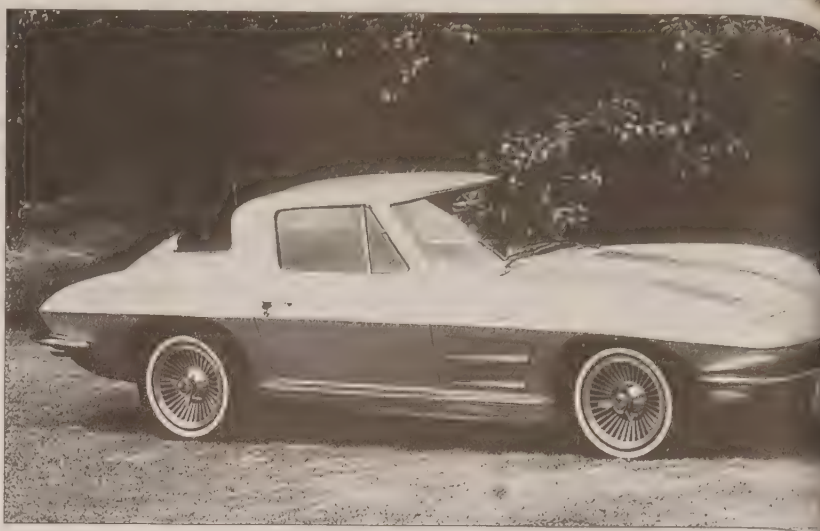
Those who went shopping for a new 1963 Corvette evidently couldn't decide on the coupe or the convertible. A total of 10,594 coupes were sold versus 10,919 convertibles.

The choice of colors was limited to Saddle tan, Silver blue, Daytona blue, Tuxedo black, Riverside red, Ermine white and Sebring silver. By selecting the silver color, the original owner joined 3,517 others who were given the privilege of paying a premium for the color of their choice.

The black interior of the Corvette needed only new carpeting. Additionally, Waterfield discovered the engine was correct, but the color it was painted was not. Years of accumulated grime, grease and who-knows-what, including paint, on the engine block were rapidly removed with the unlikely help of Easy Off oven cleaner. The surgically clean engine now sports the correct color, as well as the appropriate chrome options.

Since acquiring the Corvette eight years ago, the Waterfields have continually worked to bring the car back to like-new condition. They have even named their Corvette "CD" because, Waterfield explains, "It soon became evident that this awesome machine was going to gain far more interest than any certificate of deposit."

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
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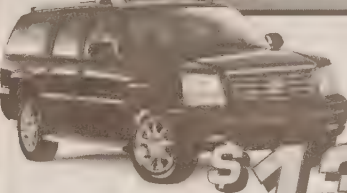


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
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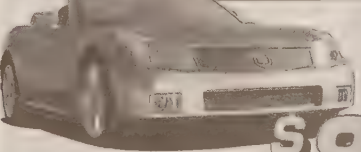


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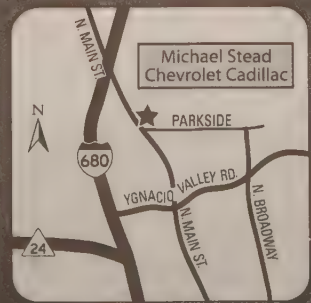
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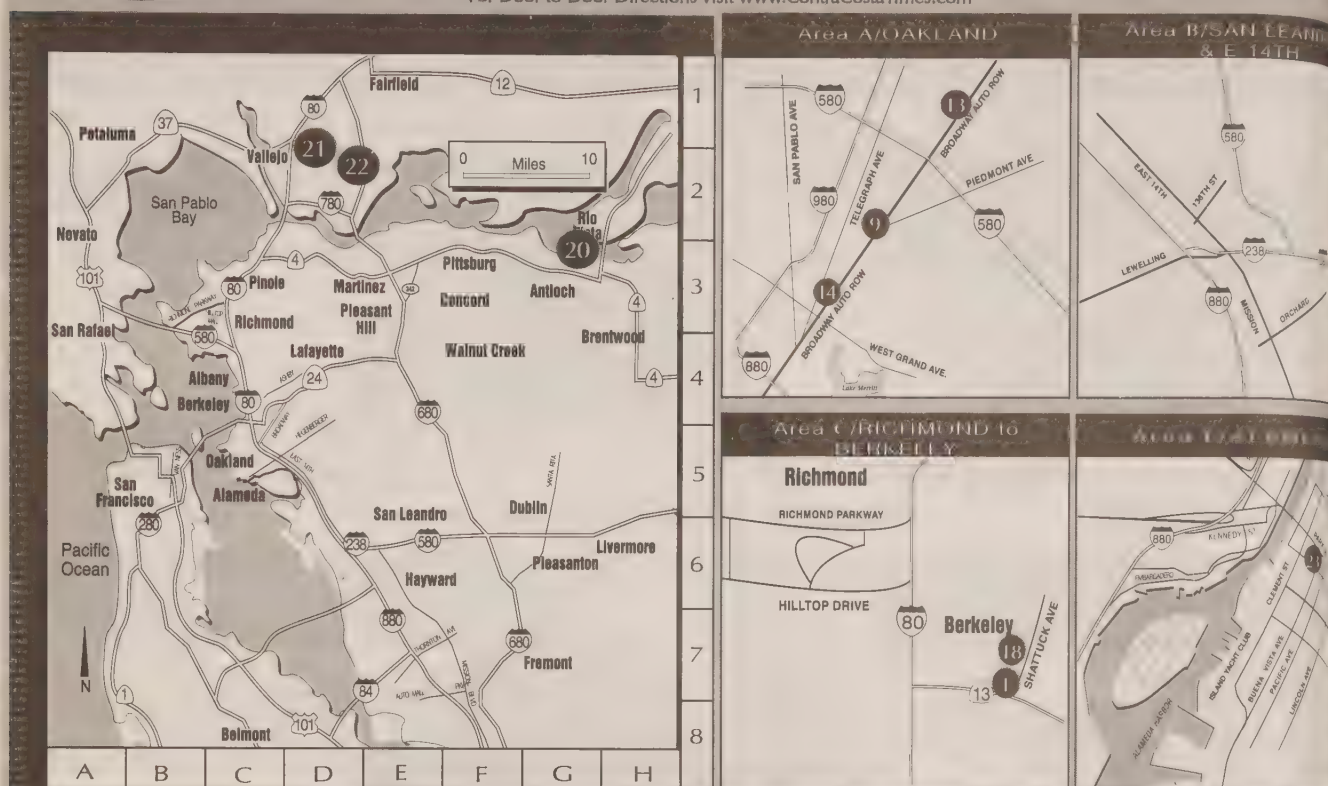


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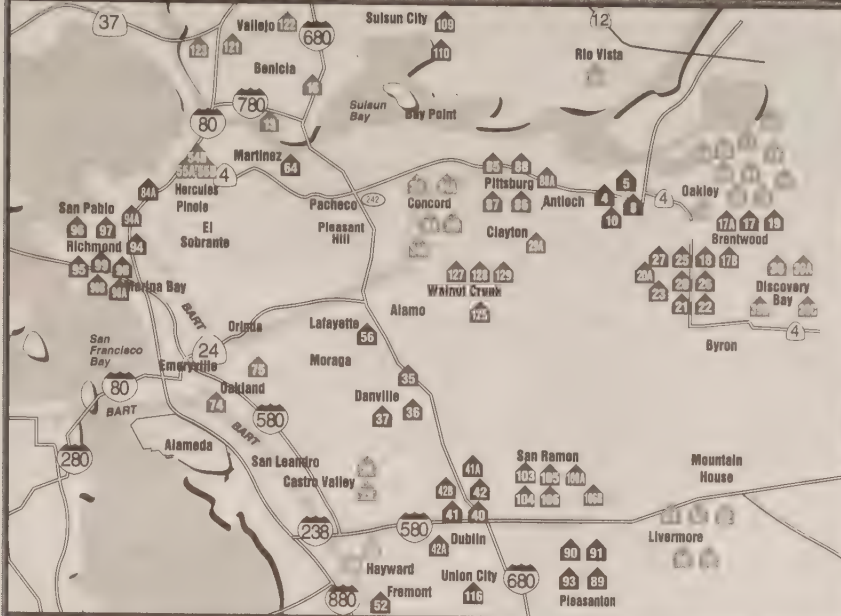
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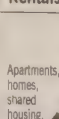
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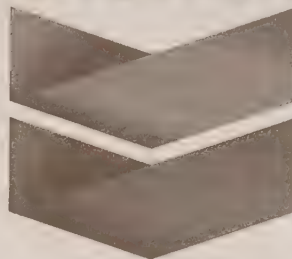
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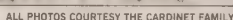
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When chocolate was king and Cardinet meant candy

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Pizza alfresco: Put pies on grill for taste of outdoors

BY TERESA J. FARNEY
THE GAZETTE

It's blistering out, and you don't want to crank up the oven, so you turn to your favorite summertime appliance: the grill. But what you really crave is a homemade pizza, a dish that begs for a hellishly hot oven.

A conflict? Nope — you can grill that pizza. Do it right, and you'll end up with a delicious, crispy crust with a chewy inside and a slightly smoky pie that's so good, you'll be grilling pizza even in winter.

The idea of grilling pizzas is a spinoff of those expensive, wood-fired ovens with thick stone floors. Chef Ben Davis, co-owner of Pasionate Palate in Denver, has one of those fancy ovens at his cooking school.

"The advantages of a pizza oven are that the intense heat stored by the stone floor is transmitted directly to the crust of the pizza, giving you a crisper and speedier pizza," he said. "The cooking is also very even with a stone, as the temperature is very uniform across the surface of the stone."

But these ovens are not for everyone. They cost thousands of dollars and require almost 24 hours of smoldering wood to get them to the 500 degrees required for baking.

That stone floor concept, however, easily translates to a much cheaper device for the home cook: a pizza-grilling stone.

To duplicate a pizza cooked in a wood-fired oven, we used one of the stones and also tried cooking directly on the grill grates. Here's a look at both methods.

Pizza-grilling stone

We spotted the VillaWare Pizza Grill (\$99.99, at Chef's Catalog retail store and Williams-Sonoma) and took one home for a test drive. Basically, it's a porous clay stone within a raised stainless-steel frame de-

signed to convert an outdoor gas grill into a pizza oven. The stone can withstand searing temperatures; when it becomes ultrahot, that — and the ambient temperature inside the grill — creates a light, crisp, bubbly crust. An attached thermometer allows you to gauge the temperature of the stone.

We found it did a darn good job of producing an evenly browned, crispy crust with a slightly smoky flavor. The trick is to use plenty of cornmeal when pressing out the dough. The cornmeal lets you easily move the prepared pizza onto the hot stone and adds a crunchy texture and nice flavor to the crust. The pizza dough should be pressed out to about 1/4-inch thick, which also helps keep the crust crispy.

One drawback: This grilling stone is for use on gas grills only. A charcoal fire is too difficult to regulate and keep at a consistent heat. We wondered whether the pizza

stones made to use in kitchen ovens could be used on the grill. From our experience, you're taking your chances. Here's what happened:

Davis suggested placing the oven-only pizza stone on an inverted baking sheet, then placing the assembly on the grill before heating it on high for about 40 minutes, or until hot to the touch. "The baking sheet should still allow for the stone to heat up well and also should prevent cracking of the stone from exposure to the direct flame of the grill," he said.

We gave his method a try and ended up cracking the stone.

However, Kimberly Lord Stewart, a Denver-based food writer, said she uses Davis' method all the time without any problems.

"Just be sure you place the stone on a cold grill and then do the heating process," she said. Well, that's what we did — and the stone still broke.

No matter which grilling stone you use, don't get too carried away with the pizza toppings. They will make the dough heavy and awkward to move onto the stone.

Chef's Catalog sells a pizza peel (a large wooden paddle) that can be used to transport the pizza to the stone and remove it when it's done. You can also use an inverted, rimless baking sheet, as we did, with fine results.

Pizza right on the grill

We went to grillmeister Steven Raichlen, author of several cookbooks including "How To Grill," for his advice about grilling pizza. He's not so hot on the stone.

"Actually, for the best results, you don't need a stone at all," he said. "I like to drape the dough (well-oiled) right on the grill grate. Cooked this way, the crust puffs and blisters in an interesting way, and you certainly get an interesting

you say? If you're not feeling ambitious enough to make it from scratch, use store-bought frozen pizza or bread dough. They work just fine.

Or take a tip from Kathy Bousquet, owner of Barbeque Mercantile, who makes grilled pizza every weekend: Use store-bought, ready-to-cook pizza.

Want to have more fun grilling pizza? Invite a bunch of your friends over and let them make personalized minipizzas. Measure out balls of dough (about 3 ounces each), line up five or six topping choices and let them cut loose.

You can either cook them on a pizza-grilling stone or directly on the grill.

PEPPERONI AND CHEESE PIZZA

1 envelope active dry yeast
1/2 teaspoon granulated sugar
2/3 cup warm water (105-115 degrees)

2 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for rolling out dough
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for brushing crust
Cornmeal
2 cups pizza sauce
1/2 pound pepperoni slices
2 cups grated mozzarella cheese

Procedure:
In medium bowl, combine yeast, sugar and water. Stir briefly and let stand until foamy, 5-10 minutes. Add 2 cups flour, the salt, pepper and 2 tablespoons olive oil. Stir until dough holds together. Transfer to lightly floured work surface and knead until smooth, 5-10 minutes. Shape into ball and place in lightly oiled bowl. Turn ball to coat surface with oil. Cover bowl with plastic wrap and set aside in warm place until dough doubles in size, 1-1 1/2 hours.



SPRAY YOUR GRILL WITH COOKING SPRAY before it heats up to help the dough slide off the grill. When it's finished, the pizza easily lifts off the grill with a spatula and

Makes 4 servings.

PIZZA MARGHERITA ON THE PIZZA GRILL

1 (9- to 10-inch) unbaked pizza crust
Cornmeal
1 teaspoon olive oil
1 teaspoon minced garlic
2 tablespoons grated Parmesan or Romano cheese

3/4 cup (about 3 ounces) shredded Italian fontina cheese
8 roma tomato slices
Torn or julienne-cut basil leaves

Procedure:
Place pizza crust on back of cookie sheet or on pizza peel that has been sprinkled with a generous layer of cornmeal. Lightly brush pizza dough with olive oil. Sprinkle with garlic. Top with Parmesan. Sprinkle with fontina cheese. Arrange tomato slices over cheese. Slide onto preheated PizzaGrill and bake 5-10 minutes, or until crust is crisp and lightly browned. Check bottom of pizza once or twice while baking to be sure it is not too dark; rotate pizza for more even color, if desired. Sprinkle with basil just before removing pizza from grill.

Makes 4 servings.
Source: VillaWare PizzaGrill BBQ Pizza Maker

GREEK PIZZA

1 (9- to 10-inch) unbaked pizza crust

Cornmeal
1 teaspoon olive oil
1 teaspoon minced garlic
1/2 cup (2 ounces) shredded whole-milk mozzarella cheese
1/2 cup thinly sliced red onion
3 tablespoons pitted, coarsely chopped kalamata olives
3 tablespoons sliced pepperoncini, well-drained
1/3 cup (1 1/4 ounces) crumbled feta cheese

Procedure:
Place pizza on back of cookie sheet or on pizza peel that has been sprinkled with a generous layer of cornmeal. Lightly brush pizza dough with olive oil. Sprinkle with garlic. Top with mozzarella cheese, red onion, olives and pepperoncini. Sprinkle feta over pizza. Slide onto preheated PizzaGrill and bake 5-10 minutes, or until crust is crisp and lightly browned. Check bottom of pizza once or twice while baking to be sure it is not too dark; rotate pizza for more even color, if desired.

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Pizza Maker.

GRILLED PIZZA

Dough:
1 envelope active dry yeast (2 1/2 teaspoons)
1 teaspoon sugar
1 1/4 cups warm water
3 1/2 cups unbleached white flour, or more if necessary
1 1/2 teaspoons coarse salt

About 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil, divided
Topping:
1 bunch arugula
1-3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1 large onion, thinly sliced
Coarse salt and black pepper, to taste
2 medium red ripe tomatoes, cut crosswise into 1/4-inch slices
Coarse salt and black pepper, to taste
6 ounces fresh mozzarella cheese, thinly sliced
1/2 cup pitted black olives (preferably kalamata)
2 tablespoons capers, drained
Extra-virgin olive oil, for grilling the dough

Procedure:
Combine yeast, sugar and water in small bowl and stir to mix. After 5-10 minutes, mixture should look foamy. Place flour and salt in bowl of food processor fitted with a plastic dough blade or a metal blade and pulse to mix. Add yeast-water mixture and 2 tablespoons oil and run machine in short bursts to obtain a smooth, soft dough. It should be moist but not sticky. If necessary, add more flour a spoonful at a time, running machine between additions, until dough is proper texture.

Turn dough out onto a work surface and knead by hand for a few minutes. Lightly coat a large bowl with remaining oil. Place dough in bowl, turning to coat with oil. Cover bowl with plastic wrap and let dough rise in a warm spot until doubled in bulk, 1-1 1/2 hours.

Punch down dough and let rise until doubled in bulk again, 1 hour. This second rising isn't absolutely imperative, but your crust will be lighter if you have the time to do it.

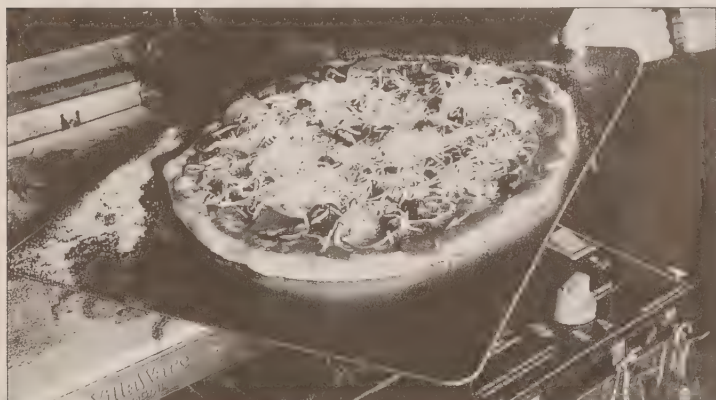
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and pat dry with paper towels. Add 2 tablespoons oil to a pan over medium heat. Sauté garlic with a meat thermometer to 160 degrees. Cook over medium heat for 6-10 minutes, adding per towels to drain. Heat to taste. You may heat as onion dries on paper towels and oil, if needed. Blot with paper towels and pepper. Quickly dry on both sides.

Set up grill for grilling (see side by side charcoal grill direct heat hot zone to grill to cook, brush and generously oil grilling sheets. Place one of the baking stretch out to form a rectangle that is 10 Repeat with remaining cover with plastic wrap.

Starting from far end using both hands to grate over hottest part a minute or so, until will crisp and puff slightly. Using tongs, slide dough to grill and cook until bottom is browned and firm. Brush uncooked top.

Using tongs to turn crust over a hotter until this side, top and bottom are browned. Slide crust back to a cooler and brush top with oil. If cheese slices are by half of fried caramelized onion, olives and capers. Cheese. When top cooked, browned sides more, slide pizza to cooler for serving. Top arugula and season pepper. Cut into pieces. While people are eating pizza, prepare sauce. Pizza should be as it comes off grill. Makes 2 (8-by-8 servings)



GRILLED PIZZA CAN BE COOKED on a hot pizza stone sitting on the grilling area. Corn meal helps the dough slide off the cookie sheet.

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smoke and fire flavor."

We tested his method on a gas and charcoal grill. Both worked fine, but the charcoal had a smokier, woodier flavor.

Here's the catch, though: You need to have two heat zones — one for crisping the dough, the other for warming while you pile on the ingredients.

Place the dough oiled-side down on the hot grill. Nice grill marks should appear after about 2 minutes, and the bottom will be sturdy and crispy. Turn the pizza over, lower the heat if using a gas grill, or move to the cool zone on charcoal. Then layer on the toppings.

Close the lid and cook until the toppings are heated through and the cheese (if using) is melted.

It's a good idea to scrape the grill grates to be sure they are as clean as possible.

So what's holding you back from grilling a pizza? Making the dough,

Punch down dough in bowl. Transfer to lightly floured work surface and cut into four equal pieces. Sprinkle a generous layer of cornmeal over the counter. Roll each piece of dough into an 8-inch round about 1/8 inch thick. Place each pizza round on the back of cookie sheet or on a pizza peel sprinkled with cornmeal. Lightly brush both sides of each round with olive oil.

Spread rounds with pizza sauce, pepperoni and mozzarella. Gently slide pizzas from baking sheets or pizza peel onto hot grilling stone and bake until crust bottoms are browned and cheese is melted, about 5-8 minutes. Remove from stone and serve.

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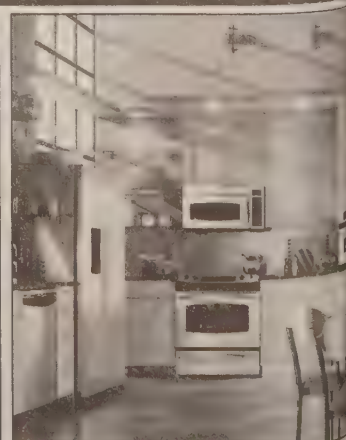
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"Grout that is incorrectly mixed and applied can lead to blotchy, uneven color that compromises the look of the tile installation. And, after it's installed, grout can stain and pick up dirt," says Rachel Gibbons, brand manager for the TEC brand at Specialty Construction Brands, Inc., Arlington Heights, Ill., the leading brand of installation systems for tile and stone.

TEC has addressed these concerns by launching a revolutionary, ready-to-use grout product called AccuColor Easy that can be used right

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'Zero-energy' home is a dream come true

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — For a lot of people, the most environmental act they regularly accomplish is to carry the recycling bin to the curb. Sarah Hoffmann's dream was to go far beyond that.

Hoffmann, her husband, John Spertus, and their three children will move this fall from their Kansas City, Mo., home into their new house atop a hill northwest of Weston, Mo.

The home's architect is calling it "the greenest house in the Midwest, possibly in the country."

While energy bills get increasingly scary — the air conditioner whirs nonstop this summer, the price of natural gas goes up every winter — Hoffmann worries as much about the planet and the future. How long can we keep depleting and polluting?

So rather than merely worrying, Hoffmann and Spertus seized their home-building opportunity to use sustainable design and hope the house will be a model for an energy future that's not far off.

For starters, the 2,500-square-foot house will be so good at generating its own electricity that at times it will send excess electricity back to the power grid. It will use radiant tubes in the concrete slab for heating and cooling.

The house will use half the water of a regular home of its size, with part of the credit going to "dual-flush" toilets, which use a lower water flush for liquid waste than for solids.

We posed a few questions to Hoffmann — whose career has gone from doctor to mother and community-based farm operator — about the family's "zero-energy" home.

Q What first got you interested in these topics?

A I've been thinking about this forever. I'm a bit of a science nerd, and I've been interested in renewable energy and sustainable lifestyles for a very long time. I was a teenager during the energy crisis of the 1970s. That was a formative time for me. I very much followed these technologies and the sustainable lifestyle movement as it's grown very, very slowly over the last 30 years.

Will you know how to work this house with some of its unusual technologies?

That will be a tremendous amount of fun. We will have to take a very active role in working with this house. A lot of the things are so cutting edge it'll take some time for us to adjust to it, some training and some tweaking. And we'll have to be very tuned into what's going on with the weather to use the house appropriately. It's designed to keep us warm and



SARAH HOFFMANN, HER HUSBAND, JOHN SPERTUS, and their children Jake (left) 13, Daniel, 8, Eliza 15 and one of the family dogs, Meg, in front of the new zero-energy home the family is building near Weston, Mo.

cool when we need it. It's sited on a hill. During the spring and fall we need to be very active about using natural ventilation, opening and closing windows. It's not a push-button house.

Why be a guinea pig like this? I really think as a country we are ready to move into this direction. That's my hope, and I'm hoping that having something out there that's doable and can be an example will help make a difference. And I think the more people begin to think about what is possible for residential buildings, then things will come down in price and be affordable.

How old are your children and what do they think?

Daniel is 8, Jake is 13, and Eliza is 15. They're very on board. There's a lot of excitement about the whole process we're going through. You know how kids accept what comes in life, so they may take for granted a little how amazing it is for us to be part of this.

And your husband?

He likes to say that he loves watching it come along. He's very busy. He's a research cardiologist and has a very active research practice. We've had many wonderful conversations and have enjoyed working on this, but, truth be told, he gets really involved when the going gets rough.

What about the house's interior design?

Jason (McLennan) was fabulous at teasing out our style, our aesthetic. We've always lived in older houses ... so we started with the Arts and Crafts style, so that you can see the beauty in the form itself.

And the house is a part of your ambition to have a small farm business?

Yes, I had a longstanding dream to be part of the sustainable farm business. I worked for two years as an apprentice with the intention of opening my own business. That's when we bought this farm. It's an absolutely beautiful place to enact the idea about the house as well. Those two things came along in parallel. The farm is called Green Dirt Farm. I am raising dairy sheep and hop-

ping in the next year or two to go commercial with a small-scale business making sheep cheese. Right now I sell grass-fed lamb at the Brookside Market. I'm really happy to have a small business the children can participate in.

The details

Architect Jason McLennan of BNIM Architects of Kansas City designed the house with colleague Chris DeVolder of 360 Architects. McLennan is author of "The Philosophy of Sustainable Design" and was named a "40 under 40" rising industry star by Building Design and Construction magazine.

Hoffmann contacted McLennan about the project after hearing him discuss green design on a radio talk show a few years ago. He jumped at the chance.

"They wanted a home that would be a contribution to the environment rather than like most buildings, which are all about taking resources," McLennan said. "This home uses about 70 percent less energy than a typical home of its size. It doesn't use any fossil fuels to heat and cool."

Here's how he explains several of the home's features:

Electricity

Solar panels integrated into the roof and a wind turbine nearby will generate electricity for the house.

The home is connected to the electric utility grid for backup so it can be used if there are no wind and no sun.

If there are no wind and no sun, the house can use electricity from the grid. But if there is no electricity, the house is generating its own electricity through the solar panels.

Heating and cooling

Radiant heating and cooling through the house's floor slabs warm the floor directly warming the house.

In the summer the house will cool the floor slabs, which is rare in most homes. Many engineers have addressed radiant cooling because of condensation if not properly addressed. But here, the radiant tubes control moisture. In homes, central air conditioning adds to the humidity and the radiant system adds to the comfort," McLennan said.

Water

The house will use half the water of a conventional home because of water-efficient toilets, made with dual flush, which allow the user to choose a low-water flush or a regular flush for liquid waste.

The design also improves efficiency. The dual flush water for partial flushes and showers is down on water use.

Location

The site of the house is sensitive to the sun. The placement of the house and overhangs will keep the house in the sun in the summer. The heating and cooling will have to work as hard as possible to keep the house comfortable inside.

"This house is going to be a model for a sustainable home," McLennan said.

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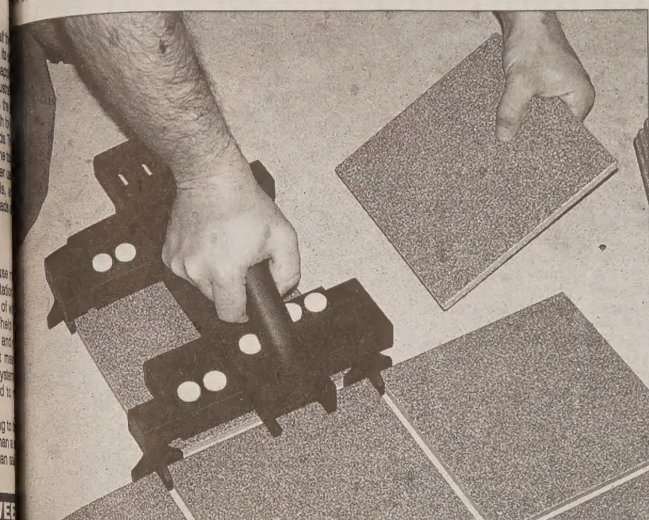
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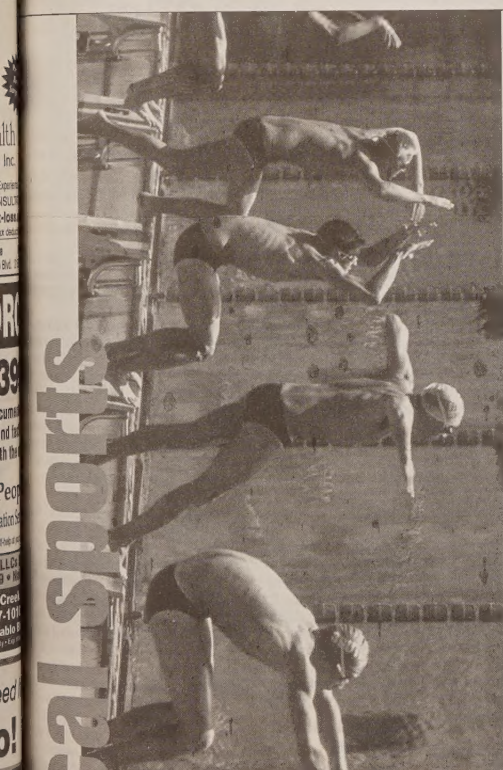
Jeff Aspey of Kittery, Maine, discovered the tool when he was about half-way through a project in his kitchen. "After purchasing the Set & Go I was able to complete the project in half the time because it was so much easier. I would highly recommend this tool for anybody who plans on laying a new tile floor," he says.

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GREG AND ANNE ROTHERS' STRAW BALE HOME in Parkville, Mo., has 3,200 square feet, including the finished lower level, above. Don and Cathy Warring built their straw bale home near Paola, Kan., by themselves, right. The low wall around the patio is made of recycled aluminum cans covered in plaster. Trees cut down on the property form posts inside and outside the home.



Houses built from straw bales are sturdy, Earth-friendly

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Not even the strongest winds will blow these houses down.

Straw bale construction is a safe, environmentally sound and handsome alternative to traditional framing. The natural building method has moved beyond its hippie-dippy image and is gaining acceptance among mainstream homebuilders and architects.

Today's straw bale homes are actually post-and-beam structures that have straw bales in the walls. Rebar runs through the bales to hold them together, or an external framework of rebar or bamboo is held together by wires that run through the bales. Chicken wire or metal lath secured to the outside of the bales is the base for plastering.

Straw is cheap, about \$2 per bale, and about 800 bales are required for a 2,000-square-foot

home. But the labor required to erect the walls, cut electrical and plumbing channels in them and apply two to three coats of plaster should not be underestimated.

"It's a lot of work," said Don Warring, who designed and built a straw bale home near Paola, Kan., with his wife, Cathy. With the help of more than 80 friends at a house-raising party, the Warrings got all the straw bales stacked in a day. But completing the project took the couple 18 months of working every weekend.

Don Warring loves the solidity of his house. "There's an ambience living in it that I just don't get from a stick frame and wallboard type house. It's made by hand with your friends. It's a spiritual thing, actually," he said.

By doing all the work except the concrete flatwork themselves, the Warrings were able to build their 1,700-square-foot home for just

\$43,000. If you hire a builder, a straw bale home will cost the same or more per square foot than a traditional home. Warring says if he had it to do over, he would still do the construction himself but would hire an architect.

"An architect will bring things to the table you don't realize, so you don't have to change things as you go along. An architect is familiar with the systems you are dealing with," Warring said.

As far as energy efficiency, straw bale walls provide good insulation but not better than other options, environmental chemist Rick Robson said. Robson, who now works for Hallmark, used to be a full-time builder specializing in energy-efficient homes.

"Straw bale has a higher R-value (insulation rating) than standard stick construction with fiberglass insulation," Robson said. "But other systems such as structural insulated

panels (SIP) and insulating concrete forms (ICF) offer comparable performance."

And, like any home, a straw bale home's overall energy efficiency is greatly affected by doors, windows and roofing.

The real "green" appeal of building with straw bales, Robson says, is that they are readily available locally and are renewable.

Licensed architect Greg Rother became interested in straw bale construction after reading an article about it in *Fine Homebuilding* magazine a few years ago. Rother has designed and built two straw bale homes in the Kansas City area, including his own home in Parkville.

"Straw is a natural byproduct of the local harvest," Rother said. Unlike ICF and SIP walls, very little energy is used to produce straw bales, he said.

In addition, straw bale homeowners are drawn to the look of the characteristic rounded corners.

"It's worked by hand. It has a shaped, human quality," Rother said.

Carolyn Studdard agrees. She and her husband, Gary, hired Rother to build their 3,400-square-foot straw bale ranch house in Gardner in Johnson County.

"I love the thick walls," Carolyn Studdard said. Studdard uses the deep window wells to display flower pots and art work. The couple's cats love lounging in them, too.

Jen Carlson's do-it-yourself experiences building a straw bale home in Lincoln, Neb., eventually led her to open a business called Straw, Sticks and Bricks. The company, which has retail stores in Lincoln and Kansas City, sells "green" building materials and consults on environmentally friendly building practices.

Carlson loves the sound-insulating quality of the thick walls of her home, which she shares with her husband, Josh Shear, and their 5-month-old son, August.

"It's a nice, quiet, peaceful house," Carlson said. But practical reasons are not the primary motivation for most straw bale builders.

"Part of the appeal is that it's unique," Rother said. "I like doing something different from what other people are doing."

Resources

■ **Straw, Sticks and Bricks**, 115 W. 18th St., 816-421-7171, www.strawsticksandbricks.com; sells earthen plaster for interior walls, as well as other natural building materials; also offers planning and consultation for straw bale builders.

■ **Kansas State Engineering Extension**, 800-578-8898; offers publications about straw bale construction.

■ **California Straw Building Association**, www.strawbuilding.org;



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THE "TRUTH WINDOW" REVEALS the straw inside the wall. Carolyn and Gary Studdard's straw bale house in Gardner, Kan., is a safe, environmentally sound and handsome alternative to traditional framing.

answers to frequently asked questions and technical information.

■ **Last Straw**, www.thelaststraw.org; Quarterly journal, Web site with articles and links to related sites.

■ **"House of Straw"** by U.S. Department of Energy, out of print but available online at www.eere.energy.gov/buildings/info/components/envelope/framing/strawbale.html.

Bookshelf

■ **"The Straw Bale House"** by Athena Swentzell Steen, Bill Steen and David Bainbridge (Real Goods Independent Living book, \$30). How to build with straw and advice for dealing with building codes departments and insurers plus instructions and diagrams.

■ **"Serious Straw Bale"** by Paul Lacinski and Michel Bergeron (Real Goods Solar Living book, \$30). Detailed comparisons of different building techniques and climate-specific design considerations. FAQs about straw bale construction.

Frequently asked questions

Isn't there a huge fire danger? No. Bales are tightly compressed, so not enough air is present for the straw to burn easily. In addition, the bales are encased in two or three

coats of plaster, which is fire resistant. Tests have shown that encased straw walls have fire resistance.

Will the straw decay? Dry straw does not decay. Straw bale homes in use more than 100 years old.

What about pests? Like hay, does not have nutritive value to support pests. Also, pests have a hard time traveling through straw bales than through wood framing.

What about codes? permit to build a straw bale house can be easy or frustrating, depending on whether your department is familiar with the technology or willing to learn more information you can offer links to research you during the permit process.

What about insurance? insurance companies have experience with straw bale homes. Once you find a willing to do the research, the policy, you will not insure your straw bale house you would for a traditional house.

Sources: www.thelaststraw.org



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THE WARRING FAMILY'S STRAW BALE HOME in Paola, Kan., has a cool bath capitalizing on the flexibility of the plaster walls.



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IN THE STUDDARD'S STRAW BALE HOME has a ranch floor plan with a "storm watching room," accessed by a circular stairway that provides a vertical element in the center.



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THE ROTHERS STRAW BALE HOUSE features clerestory windows that provide natural light and views of tree tops.